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## GATEKEEPERS OF KABUL

New US brigade tackling a wave of bombings in Afghan capital

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A U.S. soldier assigned to provide security to the Army's new 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade stands near a mine-resistant armored vehicle on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan, on June 2.

DAN LAMOTHE/The Washington Post

## Ex-Army boss: US troop reduction in Germany would be big win for Russia

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — A large military drawdown in Germany would be a "colossal mistake," says the former top Army commander in Europe about a possible scaling back of the U.S. presence on the continent at a time when Russia has become more assertive.

"We need what Germany gives us in terms of basing and access and the chance to train and prepare from excellent fixed installations and facilities," said retired Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, who commanded U.S. Army Europe until late last year.

There are now about 32,000 permanently stationed American troops in Germany, which hosted the majority of the 300,000 troops stationed in Europe during the Cold War.

The Washington Post reported on Friday that the

**'We need what Germany gives us in terms of basing and access and the chance to train and prepare from excellent fixed installations and facilities.'**

Retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges

Pentagon is analyzing the cost and effects of returning some or all troops in Germany to the U.S. or possibly sending some to Poland instead. The review began after President Donald Trump, who is at odds with German Chancellor Angela Merkel on a range of issues, expressed interest in with-

drawing U.S. forces.

To pull out en masse would "throw away 70 years of effort and investment by allies as well as multiple administrations, Republican and Democrat," Hodges said in an interview with Stars and Stripes. He expressed confidence that Pentagon planners would agree to keep troop levels in Germany on the current scale.

The Pentagon analysis is in the early stages, but word of the review comes a week before Trump heads to a meeting of NATO heads of state in Brussels. Trump's ambivalence about maintaining a large number of servicemembers in Germany adds another twist to what is already expected to be the most contentious NATO summit in years. Trump is expected at the summit to pressure allies he says don't spend enough on defense.

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MILITARY

# Vietnam veterans formally receive service medals

By WYATT OLSON  
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**FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii** — Six months after he got home from the Vietnam War in August 1968, Allen Hoe got an envelope from the Army.

"I opened it up, and all my medals had been mailed to me," said Hoe, who took the unceremonious delivery of his Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Field Medical Badge and Vietnam Service Medal to his family home in Hawaii in stride.

"Back then the Vietnam War was at its height, and that was not a surprise," said the former combat medic.

On Friday, Hoe and eight other veterans of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade took part in a long overdue award ceremony at Shafter's Palm Circle parade grounds.

Col. Robert Berg, commander of the Hawaii-based 196th, presented several medals, including a Silver Star and a Bronze Star, to the group.

Berg also presented one set of medals to the sister of Danny Widner, who has been missing in action since May 1968.

After the ceremony, white smoke filled the morning air from a six-cannon salute by a battery

from the 25th Infantry Division.

Friday marked the 46th anniversary of the 196th's redeployment from Vietnam in 1972. It was the last Army combat brigade to leave the region as the U.S. ended its long military intervention in the Southeast Asian nation.

"You left your homes, your friends, your families to fight for your country," Brig. Gen. Peter Andrysiak, chief of staff at U.S. Army Pacific, told the veterans during the ceremony. "No matter if you volunteered or were drafted, you served with dignity and honor during a challenging time in our nation's history. You served your country when it wasn't clear how much your country was supporting you, and when you returned home, there were no parades. Yet still you persisted and kept the faith."

In addition to Hoe, the other veterans receiving medals included Larry Johnson, Paul Ternullo, Orlando V. Agosto, Larry Proctor, David Eichhorn, James Ferguson, Thomas Keller and James Boersema.

Troops returning from Vietnam often had little fanfare and, at times, were met with outright hostility as the public turned against the war.

Keller, who came home in 1972 after being injured falling into a ravine, said the average soldier in



WYATT OLSON/Stars and Stripes

**Allen Hoe, center, a former Army combat medic, is awarded a Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Field Medical Badge and Vietnam Service Medal during a ceremony at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, on Friday.**

the field didn't realize they represented the last U.S. forces in Vietnam.

"As a soldier, you were living day-by-day," he said. "I was a platoon leader. You just did what you were told to do. You didn't think about politics and whether we were coming or going. It was just, 'Do your mission, every day.'"

In 2005, Hoe's 27-year-old son Nainoa was killed in Mosul, Iraq. Nainoa's brigade commander at the time, Robert Brown, presented the fallen soldier's medals to the family.

"Somehow, I shared with him that I had received my medals in the mail," Hoe said. Brown had

expressed the hope that "some-day we can fix this."

Two years ago, Brown, now a four-star general, took over command of U.S. Army Pacific. He soon arranged a conversation with Hoe, who serves as an informal veterans liaison to the 196th. A few months later, USARPAC called Hoe to hear his story — and the wheels for the ceremony began turning.

"We're coming together, 46 long years later after the brigade's redeployment from Vietnam, to show our appreciation for these distinguished veterans," Andrysiak said. "The value we place on these awards — symbolic of the

actions associated with every Silver Star, Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medal — is why this will never be just a nine-to-five job."

Hoe believes there are hundreds of Vietnam War-era 196th soldiers in the mail the way he did. The Army was able to track down and officially invite about 40 to the ceremony.

For the veterans who stood on the field Friday, it was an overdue triumph.

"This is absolutely awesome," Hoe said.

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## PACIFIC



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North Korean soldiers look across the border near the Military Demarcation Line at Panmunjom, South Korea, on Oct. 27, 2017.

# N. Korean activity putting pressure on US

By KIM GAMEL  
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SEOUL, South Korea — Recent revelations suggesting that North Korea is pressing forward with its nuclear missile program increase pressure on the Trump administration to wrest concrete concessions and denuclearization timelines from the communist state.

## ANALYSIS

A series of news reports, based on anonymous intelligence officials and satellite images, have added fodder to criticism that President Donald Trump gave away too much too soon in his unprecedented summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Skeptics up the North has no intention of giving up its hard-won gains in developing a nuclear weapon that could target the U.S. mainland and is trying by any means to persuade Washington to ease punishing economic sanctions that have begun to bite.

The reports have emerged as Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is believed to be preparing to resume negotiations with the North, three weeks after Trump met with the North Korean leader in Singapore.

In a sign the two sides are stepping up diplomacy, the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, Sung Kim, led a delegation to the tense border area on Sunday in the highest-level meeting with the North since the June 12 summit.

U.S. officials "met with North Korean counterparts in Panmunjom to discuss next steps on the implementation" of the declaration, a U.S. Embassy official said.

"Our goal remains the final, fully-verified denuclearization of the DPRK, as agreed to by Chairman Kim in Singapore," the official said in an emailed statement, which referred to the initials of North Korea's official name: the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The wording dropped the usual reference to the "complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization."

South Korean media reported that the North Korean delegation to the hourlong talks was led by Vice Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui.

Diplomatic gains have been marred by U.S. intelligence and satellite images suggesting that the North is moving ahead with its nuclear weapons programs despite Kim's summit promise to work toward the "complete denuclearization" of the divided peninsula.

The Wall Street Journal reported Sunday that new satellite images show the North is completing a major expansion of a plant that makes solid-fuel ballistic missiles and re-entry vehicles for warheads that could potentially be used to strike the United States.

It cited images analyzed by the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, Calif., as showing that the North was finishing construction on the exterior of the Hamhung plant around the same time as the June 12 summit in Singapore.

U.S. intelligence officials also have obtained evidence that the North is considering ways to conceal the number of weapons it has and its secret production facilities, according to The Washington Post.

Sen. Susan Collins, a Maine Republican, called the report very troubling.

"North Korea has a long history of cheating on agreements that it's made with previous administrations," she said in an interview with CNN's "State of the Union."

"There's no doubt that, in order to achieve that goal, we need verifiable, unimpeded, reliable inspections. And without those inspections, we can have no guarantee that North Korea is not cheating again."

Other commercial satellite images re-

ported last week by the monitoring website 38 North show that Pyongyang is rapidly upgrading its main nuclear complex at Yonghyon.

Given North Korea's long history of deception, such reports are likely to raise more questions about exactly what was achieved at Singapore.

The U.S. administration insists it has a plan for rapid denuclearization of the North and has defended the diplomatic process, which has tamped down tensions after more than a year of missile and nuclear tests and saber rattling that raised fears of a new war.

The president — who tweeted after the summit that "there is no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea" — said in an interview broadcast Sunday that he believes Kim is sincere, although he acknowledged a deal may not work out.

"I made a deal with him; I shook hands with him. I really believe he means it," Trump told Fox News. "Now is it possible? Have I been in deals, have been in things where, people didn't work out? It's possible."

National security adviser John Bolton, meanwhile, said that the North's nuclear and ballistic missile programs could be dismantled within a year — a timeline that stands in contrast with the conclusions of many experts who say it would take several years even under the best of circumstances.

"I'm sure that the secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, will be discussing this with the North Koreans in the near future," Bolton said Sunday on the CBS news program "Face the Nation." "If they have the strategic decision already made to do that and they're cooperative, we can move very quickly."

Bolton also conceded that the speed of denuclearization depends on North Korea's

cooperation — which is a wild card.

John Delury, a Korea specialist at Seoul's Yonsei University, pointed out that Kim didn't make any specific promises during the summit.

"This is not like North Korea cheating or deceiving the U.S. because they've made no commitments. They didn't even commit to freezing the program," he said.

He pointed out that Kim has made a series of appearances in recent days focusing on economic ventures. The 30-something leader has declared his country a nuclear power, allowing it to move forward with development.

"We're looking at the tail end of this major push on the nuclear missile program and economic development," he said, adding it may also be an effort to increase leverage ahead of more detailed negotiations.

"It's kind of like increasing the price tag," he said. "It's like when you're about to sell your house, you do a flurry of renovations before the sellers come to take a look because you're trying to jack up the price."

Trump and Kim signed a four-point declaration after the summit, which included the denuclearization agreement, a commitment to establish new bilateral relations and joint efforts to build "a lasting and stable peace regime on the Korean Peninsula."

They also agreed to the recovery of remains of thousands of U.S. servicemen still missing from the 1950-53 Korean War and "the immediate repatriation of those already identified."

No remains have been returned nearly three weeks after the summit, although the United Nations Command has moved coffins to the border among other preparations.

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## MILITARY



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A C-5 Galaxy rolls down the Ramstein Air Base, Germany, runway as a C-17 Globemaster III, right, and another C-5 wait to take off.

## Germany: General believes permanent bases in Poland would harm alliance unity

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"If this is just a negotiating tactic, then it is putting unnecessary strain on our alliance, the most successful alliance in the history of the world," Hodges said. "The big winner in this sort of situation is (Russian President Vladimir) Putin."

John R. Deni, an expert on European security at the U.S. Army War College, said a major force reduction in Germany would carry a large one-time expense. It could also have higher annual recurring costs over time compared with maintenance of current troop levels, he said.

A 2017 study by Deni argued that large continuous troop rotations from the U.S. to Europe cost more than forward basing units. "More importantly, large-scale redeployment of U.S. troops in Germany would likely embolden Russia in terms of its adventurous, intimidating foreign policy and make European countries more likely to side with Moscow in any number of diplomatic and political issues that matter to the United States," Deni told Stars and Stripes.

Such a move would also "undermine our major comparative advantage vis-a-vis Russia and China — namely, our alliances — at a time when, frankly, we're already in an undeclared cyberwar with Russia and, in many ways, we're losing a strategic competition with China," Deni said.

Hodges expressed confidence that "very smart and hard-working professionals" at the Pentagon were making the case for maintaining the U.S. military presence in Europe.

During the past three years, increased defense spending and troop rotations reflect "the recognition by the American people, if not by this administration, that European security and stability is essential to our own security and stability and prosperity."

The last major reduction of U.S. troops in Germany was in 2012. However, Russia's 2014 intervention in Ukraine altered the security landscape, leading the U.S. to reinvigorate the European mission.

The Pentagon's latest force structure review also comes as Poland is pushing hard for more U.S. troops. Warsaw has proposed spending as much as \$2 billion to pay for a permanent U.S. base in the country.

The Pentagon analysis will look at the possibility of moving more military assets into Poland, as well as returning troops to the United States.

The U.S. already has a large mission in Poland. An armored brigade, a U.S.-led battle group and an Air Force detachment all are on year-round rotations in the country.

Hodges said he favors rotational forces over permanently basing troops in Poland, which he said would chip at alliance unity. Many allies, notably Germany and France, oppose setting up permanent bases in Poland, which they say would further heighten tensions with Russia.

"I am not worried about provoking the Russians, but other allies will be," Hodges said. "It is important to do this in a way where the whole alliance agrees or we don't do it."

He said he was concerned the White House "might move out without consultation with other allies and make a bilateral decision."

"It is such an important thing; it would change the nature of the posture and profile of forces in eastern Europe," he said, adding that rotational forces operate at a higher state of combat readiness than permanent units.

Deni, however, is a proponent of sending at least some troops from the United States to Poland on a permanent basis, which he says would concentrate more firepower in the region. An armored brigade accompanied by a range of enabling assets, such as intelligence units and electronic warfare capabilities, would be a more effective deterrent to Russian aggression if permanently stationed in Poland, he said.

A total withdrawal from Germany accompanied by a return stateside would amount to a near abandonment of the military effort in Europe. Germany is home to two combatant commands and logistics and infantry units. Bases in Germany also are launching pads for missions in Africa and the Middle East.

"All of this is essential to the U.S. national defense strategy," Hodges said. "We shouldn't take that for granted."

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# DOD considering more bases to house detained immigrants

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WASHINGTON — Officials with the Defense, Homeland Security and Health and Human Services departments are considering more military bases along the U.S. southern border as locations to house undocumented immigrants as the Pentagon prepares to accept detainees at two installations in Texas, a Defense Department spokesman said Monday.

The Pentagon has received formal requests from the DHS and HHS in recent weeks to provide room to house as many as 32,000 detained immigrants at its bases, said Army Col. Rob Manning, a Pentagon spokesman. Officials from the departments are studying military posts in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and California to house some of those immigrants, he said.

The Defense Department has already identified two Texas installations where it will house some of the immigrants, Manning said. Goodfellow Air Force Base in central Texas will be used by HHS to house detained unaccompanied minors — children younger than 18 who have crossed the border without family members. The Army's Fort Bliss, along the state's borders with New Mexico

and Mexico, will house detained families.

So far, no detained immigrants have been transferred to any Defense Department facilities, Manning said. The Pentagon will be prepared to house at least a portion of those immigrants who DHS and HHS officials plan to move to military facilities by no later than Aug. 14, he said.

Manning said he was not certain if construction of temporary facilities — such as tents — had begun at either location.

It was not immediately clear Monday precisely how many individuals the federal agencies intend to place at each location.

Homeland Security officials have asked the Pentagon to be prepared to provide up to 12,000 beds for detained immigrant family members, indicating in a memorandum to the DOD that it intended to hold up to 4,000 individuals in a single location.

HHS officials have requested space to house up to 20,000 unaccompanied minors, but they have not provided final guidance on exactly how many children they will hold on military posts, Manning said.

The Pentagon has faced criticism, including from members of Congress, for agreeing to provide the land to house detained

immigrants and other measures that President Donald Trump's administration has asked the military to carry out — including sending National Guard troops to the border and deploying nearly two dozen uniformed military lawyers to work as special assistants to U.S. attorneys prosecuting illegal-immigration cases.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has pushed back against such critiques, especially the housing of detained immigrants, who have been held on military posts in the past.

"Providing housing, shelter for those who need it is a legitimate governmental function," Mattis said June 26. "This one — I recognize the political aspects of it, but for us it's a logistics support effort."

In 2014, HHS used space at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas to house thousands of unaccompanied children.

Mattis has said DHS and HHS would use only space on installations that is not needed for military use. Defense Department personnel are not to be involved with caring for or securing the children, Manning said. HHS and DHS would use their own personnel or contractors for those tasks.

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## Airman praised after parking in wing commander's reserved spot at Yokota

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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — When Col. Kenneth Moss, commander of the 374th Air Wing, arrived at Yokota's Enlisted Club for a morning meeting last Thursday and discovered a car parked in his reserved space, it seemed like an airman was about to have a very bad day.

"I thought that was pretty bold, so I parked in front of the car until my meeting was over," Moss said in emailed comments Monday.

At the home of U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force in Tokyo, prime parking is reserved for top military leaders at clubs and other facilities such as the gymnasium and commissary.

Yokota doesn't have parking fines, but military discipline means the reserved spots are usually vacant, even on busy days when carparks around them are at capacity. And locals have a habit of posting photos of poorly parked vehicles online to shame the perpetrators.

While Moss was inside, somebody snapped an image of his car blocking the airman's vehicle and posted it on a military Facebook group, prompting hundreds of comments and speculation



This screen grab from Facebook shows Col. Kenneth Moss blocking another car that parked in his reserved parking space at the Yokota Enlisted Club last Thursday.

that somebody was in for a rough time.

However, when Moss got back to his car and spoke to the airman parked in his spot, he decided the enlisted man had made the right call.

"An airman and his wife had left their car there after having drinks

the night prior and didn't want to be irresponsible," Moss explained. "I reassured them I wasn't mad."

Moss did not identify the airman. "Parking that way allowed me to thank an airman and his family as well as uncover a problem," he said.

It turned out that not only had the couple made the responsible choice in not driving after enjoying a few drinks but the space wasn't even marked as reserved when they'd parked.

In a process that Moss said "set up an airman to fail," the wing commander's parking space was marked with both a curbside label and a removable sign hanging from a frame.

But the curbside label had fallen off, and the sign is hung up only when the commander has official business at the club.

"The signs were placed after the car was already in the spot, so the airman did nothing wrong," Moss said.

The wing commander said he told Enlisted Club staff that while he appreciates a designated parking spot, it does not have to be in the same place every time.

"I think we fixed a problem this day!" Moss said.

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## MILITARY

# Brigade's new system lets soldiers share info

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VICENZA, Italy — First came plans for getting new drop-zone getaway vehicles. Now 173rd Airborne Brigade paratroopers are getting new communications capabilities.

The Integrated Tactical Network “revolutionizes” the way tactical leaders communicate, brigade spokesman Maj. Chris Bradley said.

First put to use this past spring, the system comprises civilian and military technologies: smartphones, along with multiband intra-team radios that link to a network, and “the entire suite of devices in a modern military operations center,” Bradley said.

Brigade signal officer 1st Lt. Julianne Steurer said the network “provides the whole battlefield picture.”

The system allows for soldiers at the squad level to share graphics, photos and other battlefield information with one another and with commanders and technical operations centers — giving a clear, comprehensive battlefield picture.

“If you have a recon soldier, they can take a picture of the enemy and allow decisions on the fly” to shift fire, Bradley said. Likewise, friendly fire can more easily be avoided because everyone has a better picture of everyone else.

Platoon leaders, fire support officers and company commanders already have the devices. Squad leaders are expected to get them soon.

“It’s also light, it’s portable and, critically, for us, it’s jumpable,” Bradley said. “It recognizes we are in 2018.”

Last year, the brigade — the U.S. Army’s

quick-reaction force in Europe and the first American troops to reach the Baltic states after Russia invaded Ukraine in 2014 — determined in a self-assessment that it lacked “essential capabilities needed to accomplish its mission effectively and with decisive speed,” according to Politico, which obtained a copy of the report.

After years of deployments to Afghanistan, the brigade lacked air defense and electronic warfare units, the report said.

It relied on satellite communications systems and GPS — both easy to jam and unreliable in the face of a near-peer threat or sophisticated non-state actor.

“The new system operates under multiple frequencies and on multiple channels,” Bradley said. “It has very robust security.”

Maj. Chris Bradley

The brigade’s aging up-armored Humvees were likewise

“easy prey” for Russian armored vehicles, the 2017 report said.

Earlier this year the brigade said it was expecting sometime next year to receive new high-performance, four-wheel-drive vehicles based on the Flyer Advanced Light Strike Vehicle. The vehicles can climb hills and ford streams, with a top speed listed at 95 mph to enable speedy exit from a drop zone.

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Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, left, head of U.S. European Command, looks at an element of the Integrated Tactical Network system worn by 173rd Airborne Brigade Spc. Jamal Hersey in Vicenza, Italy, on June 22.



Staff Sgt. Don Leroy, right, assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade, shows Scaparrotti the Integrated Tactical Network system.

## Navy, allies hold anti-submarine drill in North Atlantic

By SCOTT WYLAND

Stars and Stripes

The United States and nine allied countries are working to improve their combined tactics to combat submarines in the North Atlantic, where Russia has increased its undersea activity this year.

The 12-day Dynamic Mongoose is NATO’s latest anti-submarine warfare exercise aimed at strengthening allied teamwork above and below the water.

The drill comes as a resurgent Russia has deployed more submarines in the region than at any time since the Cold War, Adm. James Foggo, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa, said in an interview last month.

The exercise enables allied navies to see their strengths and weaknesses in linking air, surface and undersea defenses, Navy officials said. The larger strategy is to better unify NATO’s anti-submarine forces to deter Russia and other potential adversaries, according to analysts.

“No single nation can combat global threats alone,” said Lt. Fiona McCoy, who’s in charge of U.S. Co-personnel, participating in the exercise. “By



Courtesy of the Royal Norwegian Navy

A helicopter takes off from a Norwegian naval ship on June 29 on the North Atlantic near Norway for Dynamic Mongoose.

exercising the coordination, command and control relationships ... we can continue to build our combined capability to rapidly respond to any emerging regional threat.”

Exercises like this are important because Russian submarines are growing in capabilities as well as in numbers, said Michael Petersen, director of the Naval War College’s Russia Maritime Studies Institute.

“In a potential conflict, Moscow has been very clear about using its submarine force to strike high-value ships such as aircraft carriers, as well as important land-based sites such as command and control nodes and ports,” Petersen said.

“NATO navies have obviously taken notice of this and are practicing to deter and defeat those missions.”

Dynamic Mongoose is similar



Courtesy of the NATO Maritime Command

The poster for Dynamic Mongoose.

to the anti-submarine exercise Dynamic Manta, held in the Mediterranean Sea in March.

Besides the United States, participants in the exercise are Canada, Denmark, France, Germany,

the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom. The U.S. is providing a P-8 Poseidon surveillance aircraft.

The drills begin with basic anti-submarine tactics and rapidly progress to complex scenarios involving multiple ships and aircraft, McCoy said.

Training is made more challenging by the North Atlantic’s ever-changing weather, high winds and rough seas, McCoy said, which require units to learn from one another and adapt their tactics to the environment.

Anti-submarine warfare is perhaps the most difficult task a navy can conduct, demanding painstaking effort and teamwork, Petersen said.

It is growing more difficult as Russia develops technology to make submarines more stealthy, he said.

“Unlike the U.S. Navy, where aircraft carriers rule, nuclear submarines are the capital ships of the Russian navy,” Petersen said. “They are the most capable, the most dangerous platforms in their navy.”

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## WAR ON TERRORISM

## US troops refocus on Kabul security

New brigade forms task force to fight spate of explosions

By DAN LAMOTHE  
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**A**PAGHMAN, Afghanistan — U.S. soldiers rolled onto the scene at one of the “gates of Kabul,” it quickly became clear that the situation was complicated.

Members of the Army’s new 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade had traveled by mine-resistant vehicle to meet with Afghan forces on the southwestern outskirts of the country’s capital. In the face of repeated attacks, Afghan officials last year installed a hulking, door-frame-shaped scanner to search for bombs in passing trucks. But U.S. soldiers arrived to find the scanner broken and a line of frustrated truckers waiting with dozens of vehicles.

Lt. Col. Zachary Miller, the senior U.S. officer on the scene, thanked a couple of the drivers for their patience. One of them expressed irritation with his hourlong wait and told Miller that drivers are sometimes able to skip the screening line by paying a bribe of 1,000 Afghani — about \$14 — to Afghan forces. And aside from the human dynamic, U.S. soldiers also question how effective the scanners really are.

The June 2 mission in southwestern Kabul province is illustrative of the lasting problems of Afghan corruption and ineffectiveness, both in personnel and technology, that have hampered the war effort for years. Progress, where it exists, often comes in fits and starts. The brigade is attempting to advise the Afghans on handling these perennial problems while also establishing a new kind of unit — more extensively trained to coach and mentor local forces — that the service plans to use in other conflict zones.

“The idea is to deter or filter out as much of this stuff as possible before it gets into the city,” Miller said of the bomb-prevention mission. “Once stuff is in any large city, it’s very, very difficult to track it down.”

### A new strategy

That assessment comes more than three months after the security assistance mission, known by the acronym SFAB, deployed this past spring as part of the new strategy for Afghanistan that President Donald Trump announced last summer. It focuses heavily on putting military pressure on the Taliban and the hopes that the militants will be forced to negotiate a peace settlement with the Afghan government. The plan added a few thousand U.S. troops that pushed the overall number deployed to more than 15,000.

The brigade deployed with about 800 military advisers and a few hundred additional soldiers from



PHOTOS BY DAN LAMOTHE/The Washington Post

**Frustrated truck drivers wait for hours on June 2 in Afghanistan’s Kabul province because of a broken scanner that is supposed to detect explosives.**



**Afghan soldiers scan their surroundings at an outpost on the outskirts of Kabul that had been attacked at the end of May by Taliban fighters. The outpost is near one of the “gates of Kabul.”**

the 3rd Infantry Division for security. It fanned out across the country to focus on everything from improving logistics to helping plan Afghan military operations.

But the role of Miller’s unit quickly changed. He and his staff were originally sent to Kandahar province but were redeployed to Kabul within a few weeks to help stop bombings. Other SFAB soldiers in different parts of Afghanistan joined him.

The result is Task Force S, a part of the brigade that has U.S. soldiers deployed in both the center and outskirts of Kabul. They advise and assist the Afghan National Army and an Afghan National Police unit that was established with in the last year to provide security

in areas around some of Afghanistan’s most significant targets, including ministries’ headquarters, the presidential palace and areas around diplomatic facilities.

Army Gen. John W. Nicholson Jr., the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, in March designated preventing massive bombings in Kabul as the new top priority of the U.S.-led military coalition, following a spate of high-profile explosions that killed hundreds of people.

He said then that in addition to more advising, the coalition also would provide intelligence to better map out insurgent networks in Kabul and Special Operations raids to root out enemy safe houses.

The Washington Post joined Miller’s task force for two days last month in the brigade’s first media embed since deploying. At the task force’s request, the Post agreed to withhold several details about the bombing prevention effort to protect operational security, including the exact number and location of other scanners and upgrades to security that are planned in coming months.

The Afghan government began bolstering security for Kabul at the direction of President Ashraf Ghani after a May 31, 2017, bombing in which a vacuum tanker truck packed with explosives detonated near the German Embassy, killing at least 150 people and injuring about 500 more.

The Afghan efforts included installing the scanners to prevent explosives from rolling into the city and adding additional security checkpoints in the heart of the city. The scanners are placed at the city’s “gates” — checkpoint-like areas on an estimated 100-mile perimeter around the city. Height restriction barriers were added inside the city to prevent the free flow of trucks like the one used in the embassy bombing.

### A daunting task

The gates themselves were once manned by Afghan police, but the job was transferred to the Afghan army — the more respected institution — within the past year. The task is daunting. About 100,000 vehicles pass through the city’s gates each day in a region that has seen its population mushroom from about 500,000 in 2001 to about 5 million today, U.S. military officials said.

“When you’re talking about a large line of vehicles that they’re trying to work through, we’re trying to make sure that they’re doing their due diligence,” said Capt. Dare O’Ravitz, the leader of one of the adviser teams.

O’Ravitz’s team visited a small, dusty outpost after leaving the scanner at the so-called “Arghandi Gate” on June 2. The Afghan soldiers there had responded the previous week to a Taliban attack on their base by launching patrols to see what they could learn.

But the mission was limited because the fighters launched the attack from over the border in neighboring Wardak province, and the Afghan soldiers said they did not feel able to communicate directly with the Afghan army unit based there. The situation underscores that communication and cooperation between separate Afghan units fighting the same enemy is still lacking.

The Afghan soldiers also requested upgrades to their base that had long been promised by senior Afghan defense officials. Construction machinery sat unused nearby without needed fuel. The Americans said they could not provide it — but they would put in a word to see if they could jump-start the process in the Afghan government.

“I have the papers that the chief of general staff signed for this base,” Miller said of the plans. “But now that I’ve been out here and seen it, we will see if we can make progress on getting the rest of the materials and the fuel.”

Separately, Islamic State on Monday claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing in eastern Afghanistan that killed at least 19 people, mostly Sikhs and Hindus. The bomber targeted a delegation from the minority communities as it was traveling to the governor’s residence in the eastern city of Jalalabad on Sunday for a meeting with Ghani.

Avtar Singh Khalsa, a longtime leader of the Sikh community, was among those killed. Another 20 people were wounded.



## NATION



MEIYING WU, IDAHO STATESMAN/AP

Ibad Hasn, center, talks to a friend Sunday who came to visit after Saturday's stabbing attack in Boise.

## Stabbings at kid's party echo violence refugee families fled

By REBECCA BOONE  
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Families who had fled danger and violence overseas were enjoying a 3-year-old's birthday party in Boise when the unthinkable happened: A man ran up and began chasing and stabbing the children, then turned his knife on the adults who tried to stop him.

The attack Saturday night at a low-income apartment complex that is home to refugee families from around the world injured nine people, including the birthday girl and five other children ranging in age from 4 to 12. The most gravely wounded were clinging to life Sunday evening, Boise Police Chief William Bones said.

"The victims are some of the newest members of our community," Bones said Sunday. "This was an attack against those who are most vulnerable."

Members of refugee families from Syria, Iraq and Ethiopia were among the injured. Police arrived less than four minutes after receiving a report of a man with a knife and found victims lying in the street, in the parking lot and inside the complex. Timmy Kinner, 30, was arrested a short distance away.

Kinner, who is not a refugee, had been asked to leave the apartment complex Friday after staying with a resident there for a short time, Bones said. He faces several felony charges, including aggravated battery and injury to a child.

"We have no specific evidence at this time to believe it was a hate crime," Bones told reporters Sunday, saying the victims may have been targeted simply because of where they were on the property.

But the motive is still being investigated, the police chief said.

Esrom Habte, 12, and Fathi Mahamoud, 11, were playing in the grass behind their apartment when the attack began. They ran for safety when they saw the suspect chasing people.

"We saw a killer and didn't want to get stabbed," Esrom said. "We saw him saying, like, bad words

and stabbing a kid and a grown-up really hard and a lot of times."

The two ran into an apartment and hid in a closet with Esrom's two sisters and another child. They stayed inside until police told them it was safe.

"I saw the police cleaning stuff, and then I came outside," Fathi said, adding that the victims are his friends.

The attack resulted in the most victims in a single incident in Boise Police Department history, Bones said.

"The crime scene, the faces of the parents struggling, the tears coming down their faces, the faces of the children in their hospital beds will be something that I carry with me for the rest of my life, as will every first responder that night," the police chief said.

Police believe Kinner had been in Boise for only a short time when he met a resident of the complex who offered him a temporary place to stay. She asked him to leave Friday because of his behavior, but Bones did not elaborate.

The woman was not among the victims, he said.

Residents of the apartment complex and the rest of the community were "reeling" from the violence, Bones said, and the victims will need long-term community support.

"This isn't something that gets over in the days or weeks that follow ... The level of some of the injuries will be life-altering in a very negative way," Bones said.

Megan Schwab, who works with the International Rescue Committee in Boise, said the organization was working to provide temporary housing, counseling and other support to those affected.

A candlelight vigil was planned Monday evening, and several organizations and individuals were launching fundraising campaigns to help cover the victims' expenses.

For some of the refugees, the attack revived traumatic memories of war and violence they had fled. The blood from the stabbings reminded Fathi's mother, Thado Aip, of the terror she left in Somalia, an interpreter said. Fathi stayed close to his mother Sunday, at times sitting on the grass to lean against her legs as he watched officers at the crime scene.

## FBI arrests man in July 4 attack plot in Cleveland

By JEREMY ROEBUCK  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — An Ohio man arrested Sunday for allegedly plotting a Fourth of July terrorist attack in Cleveland also planned to detonate a truck full of explosives on Labor Day in Philadelphia, according to court filings.

Demetrius N. Pitts, 48, of Maple Heights, Ohio, described Philadelphia as his hometown and the city he knew best, according to an affidavit filed Monday charging him with attempting to provide material support to terrorists.

In meetings last week with an undercover FBI agent posing as an al-Qaida operative, Pitts allegedly laid out a list of Philadelphia landmarks that he considered high-value targets for an attack, including City Hall and the William J. Green Federal Building at 6th and Arch streets, a location he dubbed the "goody spot" for an attack because it would "hit 'em the gut." "We gonna hit the Bicentennial City — Philadelphia," he told the undercover agent, according to court filings. "Now, that will really open their eyes."

Federal authorities declined to discuss Monday how far along they believed Pitts was in planning his purported terrorist strikes or whether they believed he had the capability of pulling off attacks in Philadelphia or in Cleveland.

FBI agents arrested him Sunday,

just days before a July 4 attack he was planning on a downtown Cleveland park — the site of the city's annual fireworks display. He discussed potentially detonating a van packed with explosives or sending remote control cars packed with bombs and shrapnel toward the children of U.S. military officers attending the city's Fourth of July parade.

"Just last week, this individual was walking around downtown Cleveland, taking reconnaissance for what he thought was a large-scale attack," said Justin Herdman, U.S. attorney for the northern district of Ohio, during a morning news conference announcing Pitts' arrest.

According to his arrest affidavit, Pitts came to the FBI's attention last year through several violent posts he made on Facebook under the online moniker "Abdur Raheem Rahfeeq."

In one post, he allegedly threatened violence against U.S. military personnel who had killed Muslims in the Middle East. In another, he purportedly expressed a desire to join al-Qaida and attend a foreign terrorist training camp.

But those vague threats became more concrete after investigators sent their undercover agent, posing as an al-Qaida operative, to meet him in Ohio earlier this month and recorded conversations they had over the next several weeks, investigators said.

## Housing extended for hurricane evacuees

Associated Press

BOSTON — A judge ordered federal emergency officials to extend vouchers for temporary hotel housing for nearly 1,700 Puerto Rican hurricane evacuees, saying ending the program could cause irreparable harm.

Saturday night's decision came shortly after civil rights group LatinoJustice PRLDEF filed a lawsuit seeking relief for the Puerto Ricans, whose federal housing assistance vouchers were set to expire at midnight Sunday, meaning the evacuees could have been evicted from the hotels.

The order says the agency cannot evict its Transitional Sheltering Assistance program until at least midnight Tuesday. The organization is pushing to let families stay another six months.

U.S. District Judge Leo Sorokin of Massachusetts wrote that ending the program would drain other public resources, he also said. Evidence showed problems with

the Federal Emergency Management Agency's efforts to notify and provide transitional help for the hurricane refugees.

"The irreparable harm to the plaintiffs is obvious and overwhelming: tomorrow morning they will be evicted and homeless since by definition each plaintiff's home was rendered uninhabitable by the hurricane in Puerto Rico," he wrote.

Eight plaintiffs filed a class action alleging an unlawful action by FEMA in Massachusetts, which has the highest number of evacuee families seeking federal help after Florida and Puerto Rico.

FEMA declined to comment on the lawsuit, but the Orlando Sentinel reported the agency confirmed it was working to notify hotels to extend the aid until July 5 to comply with the order. A spokeswoman also said the agency was extending transportation aid until Aug. 30 to cover travel costs for families who wish to return to the island.



Kinner



NATION

# Trump's former lawyer says family comes first

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's longtime personal lawyer, who once said he would do anything to protect the president, told ABC News in an interview released Monday that he now puts "family and country first."

In Michael Cohen's first interview since federal agents raided his home and hotel room as part of a probe into his personal business dealings, he was asked what he would do if prosecutors forced him to choose between protecting the president and protecting his family.

"My wife, my daughter and my son have my first loyalty and always will," Cohen told ABC's George Stephanopoulos in an off-camera interview that was reported on "Good Morning America." "I put family and country first."

Stephanopoulos said he asked Cohen repeatedly if he was considering cooperating with prosecutors in their probe. Cohen responded that if he is charged with anything he would defer to

his new lawyer in the case, Guy Petrillo, for advice.

Cohen was also asked how he might respond if the president or his legal team came after him and tried to discredit the work he did for Trump over the last decade.

"I will not be a punching bag as part of anyone's defense strategy," Cohen said. "I am not a villain of this story, and I will not allow others to try to depict me that way."

Cohen was Trump's self-described fixer and a key player in the Trump Organization for more than a decade, regularly berating reporters and threatening lawsuits against anyone who posed a challenge to his boss. In April, he tweeted: "I will always protect my POTUS."

A day later, the FBI raided his home, office and hotel room as part of a probe by federal prosecutors in New York into his personal business dealings.

Investigators are also looking into a \$130,000 payment made as part of a confidentiality agree-

ment with porn actress Stormy Daniels, who alleges she had an affair with Trump in 2006, which Trump denies. Cohen in the past has said that payment was made on his own initiative. In the ABC interview, he said he couldn't comment, on advice of his lawyer.

Cohen repeated previous denials that he had any involvement with Russian attempts to interfere with the 2016 presidential election, but he refused to criticize the investigation led by former FBI Director Robert Mueller.

"I don't like the term witch hunt," he was quoted as saying.

"As an American, I repudiate Russia's or any other foreign government's attempt to interfere or meddle in our democratic process, and I would call on all Americans to do the same," Cohen said, adding that he has not been interviewed by Mueller's team.

Cohen also told ABC he did not agree with Trump's recent tweet repeating Vladimir Putin's claim that Russia did not interfere in the election.



AP

Attorney Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's longtime personal lawyer who is under investigation by federal prosecutors in New York, walks down the sidewalk in New York on April 11.



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## NATION

# Border Patrol arrests drop sharply in June

By ELLIOTT SPAGAT  
Associated Press

MCALLEN, Texas — U.S. Border Patrol arrests fell sharply in June to the lowest level since February, according to a U.S. official, ending a streak of four straight monthly increases.

The drop may reflect seasonal trends or it could signal that President Donald Trump's "zero tolerance" policy to criminally prosecute every adult who enters the country illegally is having a deterrent effect.

The agency made 34,057 arrests on the border with Mexico during June, down 16 percent from 40,344 in May, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the numbers are not yet intended for public release. The June tally is preliminary and subject to change.

Arrests were still more than double the number of 16,077 in June 2017, but the sharp decline from spring could undercut the Trump administration's narrative of a border in crisis.

Customs and Border Protection, which includes the Border Patrol, declined to comment on the num-



Immigrants suspected of crossing into the United States illegally along the Rio Grande near Grapenjo, Texas, are held last August by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents.

bers, saying it doesn't discuss them as a matter of policy until public release "to ensure consistency and accuracy."

The administration announced in early May that it was prosecuting every illegal entry, including

adults who came with their children. The separation of more than 2,000 children from their parents sparked an international outcry, and Trump reversed course on June 20, ordering that families should stay together.

Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan told agents to temporarily stop referring illegal entry arrests to the Justice Department for prosecution if they involve parents — unless they had a

criminal history or the child's welfare was in question. His edict came "within hours" of Trump's directive to avoid splitting families.

"I believe the focus on border enforcement has had an impact on the crossings," McAleenan said. Rising temperatures could also be a major influence, discouraging people from walking in the scorching and potentially lethal heat in much of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Arrests fell from May to June in four of the previous five years, last year being the exception.

Still, the month-to-month percentage decline is notable. It fell in the low single digits in 2014 amid a major surge in illegal crossings and in 2015. Declines approached 20 percent in 2016 and 2013.

Border arrests — an imperfect gauge of illegal crossings — surged during much of last year after falling dramatically in the early months of the Trump administration.

The numbers do not reflect activity at official crossings. The Border Patrol polices between ports of entry, not at them.

## Mother and daughter separated at border have a tearful reunion

By JOSH REFPOGLE  
AND KELLI KENNEDY  
Associated Press

MIAMI — It had been nearly two months since Buena Ventura Martin-Godinez had seen her 7-year-old daughter after the frightened young mother was separated from her family trying to cross from Mexico into the U.S. They've spoken tearfully by phone, but seeing her at Miami International Airport on Sunday for the first time, she grabbed the child in a tight embrace, tears running down her cheeks during a reunion she feared may never happen.

"I feel very happy now, and to complete my joy, I would like to have my husband released," Martin-Godinez said in Spanish as her daughter, Janne, clutched a stuffed dog and blue balloons and played with her younger brother at baggage claim.

Martin-Godinez carried her infant son from Mexico into the U.S. in May, fleeing what she said were threats from violent local gangsters demanding money in their hometown in northwestern Guatemala. Her husband followed two weeks later with the young girl.

But the family was caught by the Border Patrol and scattered about under President Donald Trump's zero tolerance immigration policy forcing families to be separated when crossing the border. Her husband, Pedro Godinez Aguilar, was convicted of the misdemeanor offense of illegal entry into the U.S. and awaits almost certain deportation in a jail in Atlanta.

Martin-Godinez was held for a week with her infant in Arizona and Texas, at times sleeping on the concrete floor of a

detention facility before she was released. She now wears a heavy black monitoring device strapped to her ankle. She and her baby boy are with relatives in a gritty town south of Miami.

The little girl was in the custody of a child welfare agency in Michigan and made heartbreaking calls to her mother, asking when they'd be reunited.

The family is one of thousands who have tried to find refuge in the U.S. in recent

**"Your child is a treasure, and to have them separated is very painful."**

**Buena Ventura Martin-Godinez**  
Guatemalan mother reunited with her daughter, 7

weeks only to be caught up in the harsh reality of an immigration system that has never been as welcoming as many desperate migrants hoped and has grown harsher under Trump, with the separation of parents from children being used as a means of discouraging illegal immigration.

Martin-Godinez and her husband could easily have been apprehended under the previous administration, too, and would have faced a tough battle for asylum. But the father wouldn't have been prosecuted for a first-time crossing; he would likely have been briefly detained with his daughter and then released with a monitoring device while they battled out their future in court. Their daughter also would not have been shipped alone across the country, leaving



Buena Ventura Martin-Godinez holds her son, Pedro, left, as she is reunited with her daughter, Janne, right, at Miami International Airport on Sunday.

them desperately trying to get her back.

At Sunday's emotional reunion, the child's uncle, Nicolas Godinez, said his family had been sick with worry about her return. They'd heard unsubstantiated rumors the U.S. government was putting children like Janne up for adoption.

Martin-Godinez, who worked as a nurse in Guatemala, said she and her husband decided to leave San Juan Atitán because masked men were demanding extortion payments from her husband's business selling internet access. They traveled by bus to an area just south of the border in Arizona.

Martin-Godinez said she waded through knee-deep water with several other migrants and was immediately apprehended.

ed. Court records show her husband was caught in the same area on May 16.

Martin-Godinez has been getting some help from a local activist since she can't afford a lawyer. She has been working at a nearby plant nursery, earning \$9 an hour. She puts her baby in day care as she presses her case for asylum.

As the grateful mother clutched her daughter Sunday, I had a warning for other families: "I would advise people to find another country to seek refuge ... because here the law is very tough. People don't have a heart," she said with tears streaming down her cheeks. "Your child is a treasure and to have them separated is very painful."



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## NATION

# Professor Fiona

Famed baby hippo at Cincinnati zoo becomes educational, literary force

By DAN SEWELL  
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Just call her Professor Fiona.

The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden's famous premature baby hippo does more than delight social media fans and help sell a wide range of merchandise. She's also an educational and literary force — heroine of a half-dozen books so far and a popular subject for library and classroom activities.

The latest book is "Saving Fiona" (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), written by the zoo's director, Thane Maynard.

"She has taught us a lot," Maynard said. "It's believed Fiona is the smallest hippo ever to survive. Born nearly two months early, she was 29 pounds, a third the size of a typical full-term Nile hippo, and unable to stand or nurse."

A zoo staffer hand-milked her mother, Bibi, and the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington helped develop a special formula. Nurses from Cincinnati Children's Hospital were enlisted to put in a hippo IV.

"We were a nervous wreck every day," Maynard said of Fiona's first six months after her birth in January 2017.

His book is aimed at young readers, telling Fiona's against-the-odds story while loading in facts about hippos, such as that they can outrun humans and are herbivores. Part of that is the smallest hippo of their size of up to 5,000 pounds.

"Part of the zoo's mission is public education," Maynard said. "[The book] is

reaching kids and families with a message of hope ... never giving up."

The combined Fiona library of books by various authors and illustrators has sold tens of thousands so far.

**"Everybody just falls in love with her. Kids will just gobble it up. It makes teaching easy."**

Stephanie Smith  
Scholastic News  
editorial director

her zoo would fill.

"Everybody just falls in love with her," said Stephanie Smith, editorial director for Scholastic News grades three through six. "Kids will just gobble it up. It makes teaching easy."

Mike Shriberg, Great Lakes regional director for the National Wildlife Federation, said conservationists see celebrity-type attention to Fiona that glosses over the serious challenges for hippos and other animals facing shrinking habitats and illegal hunting. "There is a deeper message to be conveyed," he said.

Educators say students are attracted to lessons themed around animals. Fiona has been on the cover of three Scholastic News magazines that reached millions of students with stories accompanied by reading exercises or math formulas, such as finding how many bathtubs the water in



JOHN MINICILLO/AP

Fiona sleeps as visitors stop by her enclosure at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden in Cincinnati last month.

However, Shriberg, who said growing up in Cincinnati as a frequent zoo visitor helped lead him into wildlife conservation, said the Fiona mania — which has seen her image marketed on items from playing cards to beer — is a positive development overall.

"We are certainly in favor of anything that is engaging people with wildlife, and Fiona has been a phenomenal success," he said. "You've got the American public and people around the world really caring about hippos and animals through the lens of Fiona."

## Evacuations ordered as winds fuel Northern California fires

Associated Press

GUINDA, Calif. — Evacuations were ordered as dry, hot winds fueled a wildfire burning out of control Sunday in rural Northern California, sending a stream of smoke some 75 miles south into the San Francisco Bay Area.

The fast-moving blaze that broke out Saturday in western Yolo County charred at least 50 square miles of dry brush and threatened more than 100 structures in rangeland northwest of Sacramento.

No injuries were reported, and the exact number of people evacuated was unclear.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said Sunday night that there was 2 percent containment.

Autumn Edens marveled as a huge plume blocked the sun while she drove to her job as manager of the Corner Store in Guinda, a town of about 250 people just north of the fire.

"You can see the smoke and you can see an orange-red glow from the flames. It looks like a movie," she said. "I've never seen a fire like that up close, and it's an intense feeling."

It was one of two major wildfires in the northern part of the state, where temperatures were soaring, humidity was dropping and winds were steady.

A blaze burning for several days to the west in Lake County jumped containment lines Saturday, prompting additional evacuation orders. That fire was more



PAUL KITAGAWA JR., THE SACRAMENTO (CALIF.) BEE/AP

A wildfire burns near Lake Berryessa in Napa, Calif., on Sunday.

than 70 percent contained after charring about 22 square miles of brush and destroying at least 20 structures.

Smoke from the Yolo County fire was contributing to poor air quality in Napa, Sonoma, San Mateo and San Francisco counties, according to the National Weather Service.

The haze settled on areas to the south and west and rattled nerves

**"The sky is very dark, even in the middle of the day. It's a little scary."**

Sergio Garcia

employee at a Shell station in Sausalito, Calif.

near wine country communities that were devastated by deadly wildfires late last year.

"A lot of friends and fam-

ily were texting today and saying they were having some PTSD," said Savannah Kirtlink, who evacuated her Napa home dur-



NOAH BERGER/AP

A rabbit flees as a wildfire burns in Guinda, Calif., on Sunday.

ing the blazes in December. She took photos of the smoke moving in last weekend and told KGO-TV she empathized with her neighbors to the north who were forced to flee their homes.

"I'm imagining what they're going through," she said.

A dusting of ash fell as far away as San Francisco, where tourists snapped pictures of the Golden Gate Bridge enveloped in an orange shroud of fog and smoke.

Across the bridge in Marin County, some customers coughed as they stopped for gas at the Shell station in Sausalito, employee Sergio Garcia said.

"The sky is very dark, even in the middle of the day," he said. "It's a little scary."



## NATION



MICHAEL M. SANTIAGO, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE/AP

Demonstrators protest the fatal police shooting of Antwon Rose Jr. in the South Side section of Pittsburgh on June 23.

## Teen's shooting death by police galvanizes blacks in Pittsburgh

By ERRIN HAINES WICK  
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The day after Antwon Rose Jr., 17, was shot through the cheek and elbow and in the back, killing the honors student, young black people swarmed the East Pittsburgh police station.

Over the next several days, outraged protesters took over thoroughfares, disrupted rush hour and shouted from the steps of the county courthouse, demanding that the white officer who killed the black teenager be charged.

Rose's killing is the first in the Pittsburgh area in the Black Lives Matter era, and residents are galvanized. From the sustained marches to the swift announcement that Officer Michael Rosfield will face charges of criminal homicide, what has unfolded in the hills of western Pennsylvania's steel country is a rare response to the killing of an unarmed black male, despite long-standing tensions in the area between police and the scattered black community.

Residents are guardedly optimistic the case could result in an even rarer conviction.

"It's a different political climate, a different energy with the people who are coming out," said Brandi Fisher, an activist who started the Alliance for Police Accountability in 2010. "This was the cold-blooded murder, and it's the first for this generation in our city to have witnessed."

For nearly two weeks, and despite a heavy media focus on immigration at the Mexican border, protesters have turned national attention to Pittsburgh without big names like the Rev. Al Sharpton or lawyer Ben Crump, and

demonstrators have been largely local and diverse.

Unlike Ferguson, Mo., Baltimore, Cleveland and other places where similar cases have caused outcries, Allegheny County is 81 percent white and 13 percent black.



Rose

The black unemployment and poverty rates are triple that of whites. And the mountain-and-valley terrain that separates communities that are actually quite close as the crow flies can also prevent coalescence.

It all creates a climate that has failed and exhausted the area's black community, organizer Tresa



Rosfield

Murphy said. "We live in a city that has systematically oppressed us since our grandparents got here," said Murphy, 24. In talking about Rose's killing in East Pittsburgh, several miles outside Pittsburgh, residents frequently reference the region's systemic inequities, particularly in segregation and policing.

The small borough of about 1,800 residents is 60 percent black, but its eight-member police force is predominantly white. Pittsburgh's police department

was the first subjected to a federal consent decree, in 1997 after a Department of Justice investigation found a pattern of excessive force and other shortcomings.

Residents recalled that the era angered many in the black community, but action was less common. They point to more muted protests after the 1995 death of Jonny Gammage, 31, an unarmed black man who was stopped in suburban Brentwood for erratic driving. He died of suffocation after officers pinned him to the pavement.

The case drew headlines because Gammage was the cousin of Pittsburgh Steelers player Ray Seals. Two of the five officers involved were tried twice for involuntary manslaughter, but both cases ended in mistrials.

The 2012 Pittsburgh shooting of Leon Ford — who was shot in the chest five times after being pulled over for running a stop sign and survived, though he was left a paraplegic — produced outrage — but not on the scale of the Rose demonstrations.

Ford, who also was unarmed, was awarded \$5.5 million in a federal lawsuit, but a jury in a criminal trial cleared one officer of assault and battery allegations and was deadlocked on whether the other used excessive force.

The Rev. Shanea Leonard, of Judah Fellowship Christian Church in Pittsburgh, who protested in a downtown march last Wednesday, sees more unity around the Rose case.

"It was enough years ago, but the community has been galvanized," Leonard said. "We're not seeing justice. It's more of us that are tired than ever before."

## Secret Service to talk to prankster who called Trump

By KEN THOMAS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A comedian who says he spoke with President Donald Trump by phone aboard Air Force One while posing as a senator tweeted Sunday that he had been contacted by the Secret Service for a Monday interview.

Comedian John Melendez, known as "Stuttering John" from his years on "The Howard Stern Show," released audio of his prank call with Trump on his podcast last Thursday.

Melendez claimed to be Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez, of New Jersey, during the call, and said he was connected to Trump while the president was traveling after a Wednesday night rally in North Dakota.

Melendez said he was being represented by attorney Michael Avenatti, who skyrocketed to fame earlier this year for his representation of Stormy Daniels, a porn actress who alleges an affair with Trump.

Avenatti confirmed late Sunday that Melendez was his client, adding that he had been in touch with the Secret Service but no interview was planned for Monday.

Asked why he took the case, Avenatti said: "I think it demonstrates the complete incompetence of the president and many of those around him. And I am concerned that he will attempt to make an example out of Mr. Melendez in an effort to repair his damaged ego."

The White House, which has declined to discuss the incident, was told Thursday that Menendez

hadn't reached out to Trump, said a person familiar with the call who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss it.

As played on Melendez's "Stuttering John Podcast," the conversation with Trump was relatively benign, with the president greeting the senator as "Bob" and offering "congratulations on everything." He added: "Congratulations, great job. You went through a tough, tough situation and I don't think a very fair situation, but congratulations."

What Trump was referring to wasn't clear. Menendez's trial on corruption charges ended in a hung jury and a mistrial last year, and the Justice Department early this year decided to drop all charges against him.

Melendez, pretending to be the senator, told the president that "obviously, my constituents are giving me a lot of beans about this immigration thing." He asked what he could tell them was being done.

In response, Trump said he wanted to take care of the situation "every bit as much as anybody else" and went on to cite his standard position on immigration reform.

Asked if he would go more moderate or more conservative in his selection of a Supreme Court justice to replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy, Trump said he had "a big list of people ... and we'll take a look at it."

Melendez closed by saying, "All right, Baba Booeey to you" — a reference to the Stern show.

## Seattle becomes 1st major city to ban plastic straws

The Washington Post

Seattle on Sunday became the first major U.S. city to ban drinking straws, an environmentally friendly move that leaders hope will spark a nationwide conversation about small, everyday changes that people can make to protect the planet.

A decade ago, the city adopted an ordinance requiring that all one-time-use food items be compostable or recyclable, according to the Seattle Times. But straws and other cutlery were exempted from that law because there were not many good alternatives. So the straws stayed, along with the environmental problems they cause.

Most plastic straws aren't heavy enough to make it through industrial recycling sorters, according to the Strawless Ocean campaign, and can ruin an otherwise good

load of recycling. Or they end up getting blown out of trash cans and car windows and, ultimately, wind up in the oceans, where they can hurt wildlife. Strawless Ocean estimates that 71 percent of seabirds and 30 percent of turtles have some kind of plastic in their stomachs.

Now, customers at grocery stores, restaurants, food trucks and even institutional cafeterias have to find another way to get liquid into their mouths.

Compostable paper and plastic alternatives don't hurt the planet. People who have a medical need to use a straw are exempt.

Failure to comply may result in a \$250 fine, although city leaders told the Times that the initial phase of the law is more about raising awareness than going tough on table and giving tickets to rogue customers.

## NATION

# SpaceX delivers robot, mice to space station

By MARCIA DUNN  
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The International Space Station got its first robot with artificial intelligence Monday, along with some berries, ice cream and identical brown mice.

SpaceX's capsule reached the station three days after launching from Cape Canaveral. Station astronaut Ricky Arnold used a large mechanical arm to grab the Dragon capsule as the spacecraft soared above Quebec, Canada.

The nearly 6,000-pound delivery includes the round robot Cimon, pronounced Simon. Slightly bigger than a basketball, the AI robot from the German Space Agency is meant to assist German astronaut Alexander Gerst with science experiments.

Cimon's brain will constantly be updated

by IBM so its intelligence — and role — keep growing.

There are also genetically identical mice for a study of gut bacteria, and super-calorie coffee aboard the Dragon to go with the fresh blueberries and ice cream.

"Looking forward to some really exciting weeks ahead as we unload the science and get started on some great experiments," Arnold told Mission Control minutes after snaring the Dragon.

When informed it was the 30th cargo ship to be captured by the station's robot arm, Arnold said, "It's hard to believe ... how far we've come. It's quite an accomplishment."

Most of those visiting vessels have been provided by private U.S. companies hired by NASA to keep the space station well stocked.



NASA TV/AP

**A SpaceX cargo capsule approaches the International Space Station on Monday to deliver the first robot with artificial intelligence in orbit.**

Mission Control said it was fitting that the latest capture occurred over Quebec; the station's robot arm is Canada's contribution.

Besides Gerst and Arnold, the 250-mile-high lab is home to Oleg Artemyev, Commander Drew Feustel, Sergey Prokopyev and Serena Auñón-Chancellor.

# Douglass' July 4 speeches trace American history

By HILLEL ITALIE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — More than a century after his death, Frederick Douglass and July 4 remain profoundly intertwined.

Douglass was one of the greatest public speakers of the Civil War era, a conscience of the abolitionist movement and beyond and a popular choice for summing up American ideals, failings and challenges. His withering 1852 oration in Rochester, N.Y., ranks high in the canon of American oratory and is still widely cited as a corrective to the day's celebratory spirit.

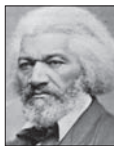
But it wasn't the only time he was asked to speak at an Independence Day event. Subsequent and lesser known speeches in 1862 and 1875 track the profound changes in his thinking and in the country's history, from days when slavery seemed unending to the midst of the Civil War to a moment when Reconstruction in the South was being dismantled and a violent and legalized system of racial oppression was set to rule for nearly a century.

"When you look at the trajectory of those speeches you see one of the most transformative eras in American history," said David W. Blight, a Yale University professor and leading scholar whose biography "Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom" is coming out in October.

Douglass was in his 30s when he spoke in Rochester's Corinthian Hall, and seven years earlier had published the best-selling "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave," an extraordinary account of his time in bondage and escape from Maryland to New York that is still widely taught. His July 4 address (actually given on July 5) was not so far from how he separated the slave from the holiday itself.

**‘What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer: a day that reveals to him, more than all other days of the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is a constant victim.’**

from Frederick Douglass' speech in Rochester, N.Y., in 1852



"What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer: a day that reveals to him, more than all other days of the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is a constant victim," Douglass said.

"To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sounds of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciation of tyrants, brass-fronted impudence; your shouts of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanksgivings, with all your religious parade and solemnity, are, to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy — a thin veil to cover up crimes that would disgrace a nation of savages."

But his speech ended with a prediction that slavery would not last, that its banishment in England and elsewhere would inevitably spread. In the following decade, the fragile consensus between American slave states and free states collapsed, making the country's breakup inevitable and accelerating the rise of the new, anti-slavery Republican party.

Abraham Lincoln's election in 1860 gave Republicans the White House and was followed by the secession of 11 Southern states. The Civil War began just months into Lincoln's term, in April 1861.

Eric Foner, the Pulitzer Prize-

winning historian of the Civil War and Reconstruction era, said that Douglass had welcomed the Civil War and understood that the longer it lasted the greater the likelihood of slavery's destruction. On the morning of July 4, 1862, he stood in rural Hiram's Corners, N.Y., and addressed a crowded gathering about the Civil War and the "perilous state" of the moment.

"If the men of this generation would deserve well of posterity, they must, like their fathers, discharge the duties and responsibilities of their age," he declared in his deep baritone.

No one greeted Douglass when he arrived by train earlier that day, but within hours some 2,000 people, well exceeding the local population, had turned out. The attendees were "orderly, intelligent and thoughtful," Douglass would remember. Many were related to Union soldiers in Virginia, where Gen. George McLellan's army was retreating from Confederate forces, the kind of setback Douglass would blame on the weakness of Union leadership, from McLellan and other military leaders to Lincoln.

"These rebels can do nothing against us, cannot harm a single hair of the national head, if the men at Washington, the President and the cabinet, and the commanding general in the field will most earnestly do their most obvious duty," he said.

As Douglass spoke, expectations of a short conflict had ended and the debate was shifting from preserving the Union to ending slavery. Led by so-called "Radical Republicans," Congress had voted to free the slaves in Washington and ban Union officers from returning escaped slaves to their former owners. According to Civil War historian James M. McPherson, Lincoln would soon begin drafting what became the Emancipation Proclamation.

Blight points out a crucial change in Douglass' thinking compared with what it was in 1852. He no longer refers to United States history as "yours," but "ours." He was also appealing to "deep mythology," Blight said, by citing July 4 as a common milestone and allying himself with such founders as Washington and Jefferson, both of whom owned slaves while also condemning the slave trade.

"We are only continuing the tremendous struggle, which your fathers and my fathers began 86 years ago," Douglass said in Hiram's Corners.

By July 1875, the world had again changed entirely. The confederacy had been defeated, slavery abolished and rights for blacks enshrined in the 13th, 14th and 15th amendment, and Douglass would meet and befriend Lincoln. But as he addressed a picnic gathering in the Hillside section of Washington, advances

made during Reconstruction, from property ownership to political office, were being erased by the violence of the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacists. Ulysses Grant, who had sent federal troops to protect rights for blacks in the South, was nearing the end of his presidency and already stepping back from his earlier commitments, failing to act against white violence in Mississippi.

"Reconstruction was hanging by a thread by that time," Foner said.

Douglass' 1875 address combined a despairing view of the political climate with criticisms of the black community and appeals for blacks to improve themselves. As in 1862, Douglass emphasized a common destiny for blacks and whites and even stated "The American people are essentially of the same race. They are of the same color." But Douglass worried about the departure of Grant, a "shelter in the storm," and that public opinion was turning against blacks. "There are, even within the Republican party, indications of a disposition to get rid of us," he stated.

"If war among the whites brought peace and liberty to the blacks, what will peace among the whites bring?" he asked.

His speeches over a quarter of a century changed because of the times and because of his audiences. In 1852, he was addressing a mostly white crowd of abolitionists, a decade later likely a mix of blacks and whites, Blight said. In 1875, most and possibly all were black.

"Hence you see him addressing them directly with a double message — demanding that the nation enforce Reconstruction but also appealing for self-reliance," Blight said. "It does ring and resonate today with lots of issues."

## WORLD

# 12 boys, coach found alive in Thai cave

By TASSANEE VEJPOONG  
Associated Press

MAESAI, Thailand—Rescuers located 12 boys and their soccer coach alive deep inside a partially flooded cave in northern Thailand late Monday, more than a week after they went missing, bringing hope in a desperate search that has attracted international help and captivated the nation.

Chiang Rai provincial Gov. Narongsak Osatanakorn said the 13 were in the process of being rescued, but he cautioned that they were not out of peril yet.

"We found them safe. But the operation isn't over," he said in comments broadcast nationwide.

Rescue divers had spent much of Monday making preparations for a final push to locate the lost soccer players, aged 11 to 16, and their coach, 25. They disappeared when flooding trapped them after entering the Tham Luang Nang Non cave on June 23.

Thai navy divers and rescue workers from other countries



SANKHAI LALIT/AP

**Family members smile after hearing the news that the missing 12 boys and their soccer coach had been found Monday in Mae Sai, Chiang Rai province, northern Thailand.**

made initial progress through the narrow passageway early Monday after passing through a key chamber on Sunday whose high, murky waters had previously blocked their progress.

Narongsak earlier said the pas-

sageway the divers made their way through goes upward in some places and downward in others and is extremely narrow, making it difficult for divers with all their gear to fit through.

Divers had been stymied repeat-

edly by rising water that filled sections of the cave and forced them to withdraw for safety reasons.

The Thailand navy divers' Facebook page said that since Sunday night, the divers had reached a bend where the half-mile-long passage splits in two directions. The divers were aiming for a sandy chamber on higher ground in the cave.

Experts in cave rescues from around the world converged at the site. Other support included a U.S. military team, an official Australian group and Chinese lifesaving responders.

"These are challenging conditions, and there's a lot of consideration for safety as well. The environment outside is contributing to the environment inside," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Jessica Tait, part of a 30-strong U.S. military team assisting in the operation, referring to the rain that has been flooding the cave. "So I'd say, yeah, it's an accurate statement that it's challenging."

## Tour boat explosion in Bahamas kills American

An American woman was killed and nine others from the U.S. were injured when a tour boat exploded in the Bahamas on Saturday.

The boat became engulfed in flames about 9 a.m. off the coast of Exuma, according to WPLG in Florida. There were 12 passengers on the boat, including two from the Bahamas.

Video recorded at the scene and obtained by ABC 11 shows the moments after the explosion as passengers on a nearby boat attempt to help. At least one person from the boat was pulled to safety. Four of the injured were taken to a Florida hospital, while the others were being treated in Nassau.

The passengers on the boat were not identified.

## Ugandans angered by new social media tax

KAMPALA, Uganda—A new tax on social media has taken effect in Uganda, angering many who see the revenue measure as an attack on free speech.

The tax on users of sites such as Facebook was first proposed by longtime leader Yoweri Museveni, who complained of online gossip in a March letter that urged the finance minister to raise money "to cope with the consequences."

In addition to the usual data fees, social media users now must pay a daily upfront levy of 5 cents to access all social media websites.

## Bali volcano hurls lava in new eruption

DENPASAR, Indonesia—The Mount Agung volcano on the Indonesian tourist island of Bali erupted Monday evening, ejecting a 6,560-foot-high column of thick ash and hurling lava down its slopes.

The Indonesian geological agency's Agung monitoring post said explosions from the mountain began at just after 9 p.m. and lasted more than 7 minutes.

"Flares of incandescent lava" reached [1.2 miles] from the crater, it said, setting fire to forests at high elevations on the mountain.

It said the alert level for Agung had not been raised, and the exclusion zone around the crater remains at 2½ miles.

## Protesters in Iran again clash with police

TEHRAN, Iran—Iranian state media says protesters clashed with police over water scarcity in the southwest for a second night.

IRNA says protesters threw stones and debris at police and set a car on fire in a protest that began late Sunday in the city of Abadan.

The report says police blocked roads near the protest and that the situation is "under control."

Similar clashes over water scarcity broke out in the nearby city of Kermanshah late Saturday. Authorities said one protester and 10 police were injured, and videos posted online recorded gunfire ringing out.

From wire reports

# Lopez Obrador is big winner in Mexican election

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY—Angry and frustrated over corruption and violence, Mexican voters delivered a tidal wave presidential election victory to leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, giving him a broad mandate to upend the political establishment and govern for the poor.

An official quick count from electoral authorities late Sunday forecast that Lopez Obrador would win with between 53 percent and 53.8 percent of the votes, a remarkable margin not seen in the country for more than three decades.

Early Monday, with about 40 percent of the votes counted, Lopez Obrador's advantage was close to the quick count's statistical sample.

A prominent exit poll predicted his party allies were poised to score big victories in congressional races, possibly winning absolute majorities in the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies.

Lopez Obrador, who campaigned on vows to transform Mexico and oust the "mafia of power" ruling the country, rode widespread voter anger and discontent with the governing Institutional Revolution Party, or PRI, of President Enrique Pena Nieto and had led opinion polls since the beginning of the campaign.

The PRI, which dominated Mexican politics for nearly the entire 20th century and recaptured the presidency in 2012, was set to suffer heavy losses not just for the presidency but in other races as well.

In brief remarks at a hotel in



MOISES CASTILLO/AP

**Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador waves to supporters as he arrives in Mexico City's main square, the Zocalo, on Sunday.**

central Mexico City, Lopez Obrador called for reconciliation after a polarizing campaign and promised profound change but with respect for the law and constitutional order.

"I confess that I have a legitimate ambition: I want to go down in history as a good president of Mexico," said Lopez Obrador, who had lost in the previous two presidential elections. "I desire with all my soul to raise the greatness of our country on high."

The president-in-waiting, whose term will begin Dec. 1, devoted much of his speech to appealing to citizens of all stripes and seeking to reassure those who have eyed his candidacy nervously.

"This new national project will seek to establish an authentic democracy, and we do not intend to establish a dictatorship," Lopez Obrador said.

"The changes will be profound, but in accordance with established order."

# Philippine city mayor gunned down during flag-raising event

Associated Press

TANAUAN, Philippines—A Philippine provincial city mayor known for parading drug suspects in public but also alleged to have drug ties himself was shot and killed by a sniper Monday in a brazen attack during a flag-raising ceremony in front of hundreds of horrified employees and village leaders.

The apparent lone gunman felled Mayor Antonio Halili, of Tanauan city in Batangas province, south of Manila, as he and about 300 employees and newly elected village leaders sang the national anthem in a parking lot outside the city hall.

The gunman escaped, police officials and witnesses said.

"I didn't know that it was gunfire until people started screaming, 'Somebody's shooting! Somebody's shooting!' while running in all directions, and I saw my mayor slumped on the ground," said village leader Rico Alcazar, who was in a crowd standing behind Halili, 72. "Everybody was shocked, and it took some time before some carried the mayor and brought him away in a car."

Halili's bodyguards opened fire toward a grassy hill where the gunshot was apparently fired, adding to the bedlam, Alcazar said.



Halili

starts blaming his bodyguards for the breach.

Cellphone video shot by Alcazar shows a few men standing around the fallen Halili as gunfire rings out continuously and people cry, scream, run and take cover during the melee. A man yells, "The mayor is dead! The mayor was shot!" and another desperately calls for a car to take Halili to the hospital. A third man complains for the secu-



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## OPINION

## Trump's race-baiting has infested GOP

By TIMOTHY L. O'BRIEN  
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Early the morning of Jan. 23, Mike Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas and the father of President Donald Trump's press secretary, took to Twitter with a post featuring MS-13 gang members:

"Nancy Pelosi introduces her campaign committee for the take back of the House," he tweeted.

That tweet drew lots of attention, including from the president's eldest son, who retweeted it. Many other people on social media and elsewhere also noticed Huckabee's tweet, including me. I tweeted:

"Mike Huckabee, a Christian minister who believes in the power of love and forgiveness, would never exploit racism and tensions over immigration for political purposes."

Huckabee picked up on those observations and by Saturday afternoon and evening he was taking issue with some of them: "Absurd! To see race in everything IS racist," he tweeted. "Nothing about race but about a vile violent criminal gang. Please understand that." His tweet absolutely wasn't about race, Huckabee said in another tweet early Sunday morning: "You want to defend gangs who rape, murder, and mutilate little children too? Repeat-a criminal gang is NOT a race! Doesn't matter if these gangs were lily-white Brits!"

It probably would have mattered if those gangs were lily-white Brits, though, because Huckabee could have chosen a picture of the Krays and he didn't. Instead, he chose a picture of tattooed gangbangers of color because that particular gang, MS-13, is one of the president's favorite reference points when he tries to whip up hysteria about a "crisis" caused by undocumented immigrants.

Trump has justified a crackdown on migrants trying to cross the U.S.' southern border by suggesting that a large portion of them are criminals like MS-13 (which has roots in El Salvador) and that they will continue their lawless ways in America. Never mind that the border is under control, that MS-13 isn't really the threat that Trump makes it out to be, or that immigrants to the U.S. are less likely to commit crimes than native-born Americans.

MS-13 serves a purpose for Trump that transcends the facts. It gives him fodder for making the immigration debate about the inherent traits of the immigrants, and not about the realities surrounding their journeys. It gives him a tool for making the immigration debate explicitly racial.

"We have people coming into the country, or trying to come in — and we're stopping a lot of them — but we're taking people out of the country," Trump said in May. "You wouldn't believe how bad these people are. These aren't people. These are animals."

Last month, Trump used racially charged language again when posting about immigration on Twitter: "Democrats are the problem. They don't care about crime and want illegal immigrants, no matter how bad they may be, to pour into and infest our Country, like MS-13."

All of this smacks of the language Trump used when discussing immigration during the speech he gave the day he announced his presidential candidacy in the lobby of Trump Tower in 2015. "When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best," he said. "They're sending people that have lots of problems, and they're bringing those problems with us. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume, are good people."

Immigration isn't the only issue that spurs the president to play the race card. Sometimes just a little bit of political competition will do the trick. Campaigning in Las Vegas, Trump called Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a Democrat who has claimed to have Native American heritage, "Pocahontas" after she criticized his policies. That's not a new one. He has called Warren "Pocahontas" many times in the past, saying on one occasion that using that name was "insensitive to Native Americans."

Trump previously put Native American identity and lineage into play 18 years ago when he lobbied against the legalization of casino gambling in New York state. In a series of newspaper and broadcast ads, he branded one tribe seeking a license, the Mohawks, as drug dealers and criminals.

Trump's support for white supremacists following the Charlottesville, Va., riots last summer echoed his past, too. In 1989, during a citywide outcry about public safety in New York prompted by the assault of

a white female jogger in Central Park, he ran advertising calling for the death penalty for several Latino and black teenagers falsely accused of the attack. Trump's only reason for stirring up the racial animosities around that event was so that he could exploit them for publicity gains.

Other examples of Trump's racism and race-baiting abound.

He once embraced bitherism as a way to hound Barack Obama during his presidency, and he attacked a federal judge overseeing the Trump University fraud litigation by repeatedly emphasizing the judge's Mexican heritage. Trump ran a housing and real estate business in New York with his father that was investigated and sanctioned by the Justice Department in the 1970s for discriminating against prospective tenants of color.

He has described Haiti and some African countries as a "shitholes." The president brought Steve Bannon, the former boss of Breitbart, the white nationalist tribe, into the White House and, briefly, into a pivotal role there. Trump has spent years bragging about the "good genes" that have made his, his children's and at least one of his grandchildren's lives marked by what he describes as success and good health.

The president is a racist who has had decades to hone his worldview and has never fully distanced himself from white supremacists.

None of that was likely to have been lost on Huckabee before he sat down to tweet about the gang members he fancied running a campaign for the Democrats. And it's hard to believe that he didn't anticipate the multiple ways in which his tweet would resonate with his daughter's boss.

Huckabee is only the latest person in the Trump orbit to throw in with the president's value system, of course. The entire Republican Party has refashioned itself in his image. And Trump's presidency has torn the cover off of many of the tales Americans have been telling themselves about progress around racial tolerance and pluralism during the past several decades.

The only good that will come of this is if it further steels most citizens and voters from throwing in with Trump's values as readily as Huckabee and the GOP.

## On travel ban, the Constitution wins again

By JAY AMBROSE  
Tribune News Service

It won't quit. Critics of President Donald Trump screech profanities on TV, they throw press secretaries out of restaurants and one of them said the Supreme Court's upholding of a travel ban with the equivalent of one of the worst things it has ever done.

That would be allowing Japanese-American citizens to get locked up in concentration camps during World War II, and Justice Sonia Sotomayor wasn't through yet. In a dissent, she wanted the world to know that Trump had called for a complete Muslim ban during the campaign, and that this very act, an example of his recurring religious bias, was all the evidence needed that his ban was a disgrace to America, the Constitution, all we stand for.

What he had here was still another example of an overreaching Trump adversary aiming to do more damage to our precious system of governance than he could come up with at any other worst. The occasion was a 5-to-4 decision upholding his effort to keep terrorists from coming

our way from countries where they are plentiful and where vetting is a lost cause the United States is trying to restore.

Chief Justice John Roberts got it at the truth of things in his ruling that said it was not the job of the court to judge Trump's statements but to judge whether they influenced what he did. They didn't. There was no religious discrimination in the ban. It was religiously neutral. It was also well within the president's authority and responsibilities as decided, not by emotions riding high, but by statutes.

This decision, he wrote, was in no way akin to OKing the racist roundup of Japanese-Americans, something that was objectively illegal and scarcely a presidential prerogative. Sotomayor's contrary contention strikes me as saying she cared not to whit for rule of law, just as lower courts ruling against Trump's second and third bans were doing seriously, politicizing harm to a judiciary thereby rendered less credible.

To not a few leftists out there, the decision was just another instance of conservatives outnumbering liberals on the court. It was more than that. It was the people believing in the most obvious meanings of

the Constitution outnumbering those who want to reform it into vaporous ideals they can then twist any way they like. Their take is that the 18th-century document is outdated and that playing loose is the way to go. The real solution, if they are right about a need for change, is the legitimate amendment process that requires widespread consensus.

Sometimes it has seemed we do not even have a Constitution anymore, just an oligarchy of nine people taking the place of Congress. With one appointment, that of Justice Neil Gorsuch, Trump has done much to keep constitutionality in place, as was shown by still another decision last week.

Alabama had written a law saying that anti-abortion, crisis pregnancy centers must advertise where abortions can be had, which is kind of like saying Republican headquarters should advertise speeches by socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders. The First Amendment has something to say about this, as did another 5-to-4 court decision that, of course, still allows the state government to advertise.

Liberty lives on, at least for a while.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Police: Father killed mom as child slept

**FL** PLANTATION — Authorities have charged a Florida man with murder, saying he hit his wife with a hammer while their 7-year-old son slept nearby.

Plantation police said Marc Berkowitz, 42, told them Thursday's killing came because he was mad that Anastasiya Savitskaya was planning to divorce him. Investigators said Berkowitz told his son to look away so he wouldn't see his mother's body.

Police said he told them his wife was still making noises so he dragged her out of the bedroom and strangled her with a cord.

## Man accepts plea deal for spitting on mayor

**LA** COVINGTON — A man who faced public intimidation charges for allegedly spitting in the face of a Louisiana mayor has agreed to a deal that bars him from Town Hall except for public meetings.

Abita Springs Mayor Greg Lemons said negotiations have been ongoing between Raymond Pasqua's attorney and the state Attorney General's Office to resolve the case.

The Advocate reported that Pasqua was charged last year with a felony count of public intimidation after allegedly spitting in Lemons' face twice after being asked to leave Town Hall. That charge was reduced to misdemeanor simple battery in March.

## Police investigating vandalism at churches

**UT** COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS — Four churches in a suburb of Salt Lake City were vandalized on four consecutive nights, and police are looking for the person or people responsible for the damage.

Cottonwood Heights police Lt. Dan Bartlett said that since June 25, four churches have had rocks propelled through their front glass doors, possibly with the use of a wrist rocket.

He told the Deseret News there's no evidence that the perpetrator has tried to enter any of the churches or steal any property.

All the churches are meetinghouses of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

## Worker is fired for mean message on cup

**OH** CINCINNATI — An employee at a downtown Cincinnati Dunkin' Donuts who wrote a disparaging message on a homeless woman's cup was fired.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported that the message first posted on Instagram by a customer and then shared on Facebook by others said: "Stop hangin out in-front of the store. If you have a Full Time job! — management."

The store's owner said the employee wasn't a manager and no longer works there.

Owner Mike Bernase said he would like to apologize to the woman if she returns.

## THE CENSUS

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The number of golf balls owned by a Minnesota man who is now selling his collection. RJ Smith, 90, of Rochester, told KARE-TV he doesn't want any of the money from the sale. He plans to donate every penny to charity. The collection, one of the world's largest, fills 460 milk crates, stacked floor to ceiling in a garage in his backyard. No two of the balls are alike. Smith said he never paid for a ball but hunted them down, mostly in the roughs, ponds and woods.



MICHAEL SNYDER, NORTHWEST FLORIDA DAILY NEWS/AP

## Hammock hubbub

Air Force airmen Nick Phelps, top right, Derrick Schindler, top left, Shayne Mooney, middle right, Michael Reed, bottom left, and Ethan Lane, standing, try to get situated in a five-hammock-tall grouping that is attached to the supports of the Okaloosa Island Fishing Pier on Okaloosa Island, Fla., on Saturday. All five are stationed at Eglin Air Force Base and were enjoying some time off base.

## Prosecutor: Man shot lewd video from shoe

**MO** ST. CHARLES — A suburban St. Louis man is accused of using a cellphone attached to his shoe to shoot video under the skirts of women at stores in a mall.

KTVI-TV reported that Charles Shoultz II, 33, of St. Peters, is charged with five felony counts of invasion of privacy. St. Charles County prosecutor Tim Lohmar said there are six known victims,

but authorities believe there are others.

An investigation began after two women trying on clothes at Mid Rivers Mall reported seeing a shoe with a cellphone camera pointed up at them.

The women yelled and the man ran away.

## Police: Apparent human skull in trash container

**AZ** TUCSON — Police in Tucson said what ap-

pears to be a human skull was found in a trash container on the city's south side.

They said a man was digging through trash Saturday when he discovered the object and called 911. Officers assessed the skull and notified the Pima County Office of Medical Examiner, whose staff will clean and test it. That process could take weeks.

Police said the examination should determine if it's a human skull and the gender of the person, along with a possible cause of death.



## 2 will participate in British Mongol Rally

**ME** YORK — A pair of guys from Maine and New Hampshire are preparing to ride across Europe, Russia and Mongolia in a three-wheeled car.

John Parrinello, 25, of Portsmouth, N.H., admitted it's a "little insane."

Parrinello and Tanner Pidgeon, 25, of York, told the Portsmouth Herald they learned of the 10,000-mile Mongol Rally from the British organization The Adventurists.

They plan to race in a 1987 Reliant Rialto Saloon three-wheeler car they bought on Facebook.

## Man carjacked while trying to help someone

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Police in Rhode Island said a man was attempting to help a man lying in the middle of the road ended up the victim of a carjacking.

The good Samaritan-turned-victim said he was driving June 25 when he turned on a road and noticed a man asking for help. WPRI-TV reported he got out of his vehicle and was accosted by another man, who put a gun to the back of his head.

The victim said the two suspects then jumped into a Ford Expedition while another man made off with the victim's car.

## City manager could lose job over cake coupon

**FL** FORT LAUDERDALE — A city manager could lose his job after allegedly throwing a tantrum over a coupon for a bundt cake.

Dannie Augustin told city commissioners last week that Sunrise City Manager Richard Salamon became enraged when the bakery refused to honor his coupon for a free cake because the coupon had expired. Augustin said the city manager told the employee to break the rules and just give him the \$3.99 deal.

One of the commissioners is calling for Salamon's resignation.

## Man is charged with possessing pipe bombs

**DE** BEAR — Authorities said a Delaware man was charged with possessing multiple pipe bombs.

The News Journal of Wilmington reported Ryan T. Boyd, 24, was arrested Thursday.

Court records say police were told in May that Boyd told someone he had bombs and was going to "make the school year go out with a bang."

Police searched Boyd's Bear-area home and found three pipe bombs in a Coors Light cooler bag.

From wire reports

## WORLD

# New Banksy-style street art spotted in Paris

Associated Press

PARIS — Banksy is believed to have taken his message on migration to Paris, which has seen seven works attributed to the provocative British street artist.

The works attributed to Banksy were discovered last month, including one near a former center for migrants at the city's northern edge that depicts a child spray-painting wallpaper over a swastika.

Nicolas Laugero Lasserre, editor of the Artistikrezo website that broke the story, said he heard a few weeks ago through contacts in the French street art world that Banksy was planning a trip.

He said he started looking for the works and came across the one in the northern Porte de la Chappelle neighborhood. The same wallpaper stencil was used in a 2009 exposition at the Bristol Museum, he said, describing it as "a real signature" of the elusive artist.

It didn't take long for others to add — or detract — from Banksy's work.

First came the blue tag over the wallpaper. Then on June 25, another artist temporarily covered over Banksy's work with a poster depicting a woman's face, but the paper was quickly pulled off and an art restorer frantically tried to cover the works with a clear plastic.

Not all the works directly reference migration. One is a play on the 1801 painting of Napoleon crossing the Alps. Others show rats, including one that appeared to have been altered.

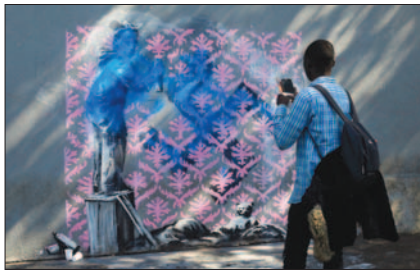
"It lands at a key political moment, and for me that's really the genius of Banksy," Laugero Lasserre said.

Banksy's publicist did not immediately respond to a request for comment.



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**Above: A woman walks past graffiti attributed to street artist Banksy in Paris on June 25. The provocative British street artist is believed to have taken his message on migration to Paris. Seven works attributed to Banksy have been discovered in recent days. Below left and right: People take pictures of graffiti attributed to Banksy.**



## France's butchers ask for protection from 'militant vegans'

By REBECCA TAN  
The Washington Post

France's butchers have an ax to grind with the country's vegan activists. The country's 18,000 butchers have been plagued by various acts of vandalism in recent months.

In April, seven butcher shops in the northern region of Hauts-de-France were sprayed with fake blood. In May, a butcher and a fishmonger in separate locations had their windows broken in the span of a week. The fronts of the stores, both of which served local populations in Hauts-de-France, were vandalized with the slogan, "Stop speciesism," reported the radio station Europe 1.

Now, the country's butchers are biting back.

Jean-Francois Guihard, president of the French Federation of Butchers, penned a sternly worded letter to Interior Minister Gerard Collomb last month, calling for protection against the "terror" of "militant vegans." The missive, published just days

**'We are not asking for a policeman outside every butchery, but the state knows of these small extremist vegans — and it must take action.'**

Jean-Francois Guihard  
president of the French Federation of Butchers

after thousands of animal rights activists wearing red T-shirts marched through Place de la Republique in Paris, expressed concern that "excessive media exposure to the vegan lifestyle" and "disinformation" spread by vegan activists were contributing to the acts of violence against butchers and other craftsmen.

Pierre Sans, a veterinary professor at the University of Toulouse, told The New York Times that such attacks are new in France. Activists have targeted slaughterhouses and laboratories before, but going after local producers selling legal goods is "rather shocking," he said.

Nonetheless, in an interview with the

French newspaper Le Parisien, Guihard said the federation was worried that these acts of vandalism would escalate if the government does not step in. "We are not asking for a policeman outside every butchery, but the state knows of these small extremist vegans — and it must take action," he said.

While veganism and vegetarianism are practiced by a small minority in France — only 3 percent of the population identifies as vegetarian, reported The Local in 2016 — vegan activists have had several public run-ins with the law in recent months.

In March, a vegan cheesemaker was sentenced to seven months in jail after she

wrote on Facebook that she had "zero sympathy" for a butcher killed by an Islamist militant in an attack in Trebes, one of four people slain in the rampage. In April, dozens of animal rights activists gathered at a slaughterhouse in Yvelines to disrupt operations, and five were later detained by police.

The president of the French Vegan Federation, Constantin Imbs, denounced such tactics in an interview with ABC.

"Our position is very clear: We are opposed to any kind of radicalization from vegan activists," he said. "This is counterproductive. We do not think it is the right way to advance our cause."

The French interior minister has yet to publicly respond to Guihard's letter, though some of his colleagues have already made their position clear.

On June 26, Minister of Agriculture Stephane Travert retweeted a message from the leader of an agricultural trade union. The butchers "can count on my support and they know it," he added. "These methods are not acceptable. This is not my conception of a free and respectful debate."



## FACES



JORDAN STRAUSS, INVISION/AP

Stan Lee attends a premiere of "Avengers: Infinity War" on April 23 in Los Angeles. After the death last July of his wife, Joan, the Marvel mogul has been in the middle of a fight over his finances and properties that has led to lawsuits and a police investigation of elder abuse.

## COMICS, tragedy

The past year brings abundant public triumph, private turmoil for Marvel Comics' Stan Lee

BY ANDREW DALTON  
Associated Press

It has been another epic year for characters Stan Lee helped create, with "Black Panther" and "Avengers: Infinity War" earning more than \$3 billion combined globally and "Ant-Man and the Wasp" opening this weekend, all three featuring the clever cameos beloved by devoted fans of the Marvel Comics mastermind.

But for Lee himself, the past year has been tough and tumultuous. After the death last July of Joan, his wife of 69 years and partner in all things, the 95-year-old has found himself in the middle of a fight over his finances and legacy that has led to lawsuits, a restraining order and a police investigation of elder abuse.

His exact circumstances might be unique, but Lee's status as a celebrity in declining mental health and vulnerable to exploitation has many precedents and may become increasingly common as a wave of wealthy baby boomers reaches old age.

After Joan Lee's death, many acquaintances poured in, seeking a part of her popular and accommodating husband, and holdings his lawyer estimates are worth from \$50 million to \$70 million.

Probate attorney Troy Martin, who has worked on the cases of many late-in-life celebrities, including Casey Kasem, said Lee's circumstances made him a compelling target.

"He's going through the grief of a wife he relied upon. He's always had the reputation for being a

people pleaser, and you add his grief to, at 95, some cognitive difficulties, it makes him vulnerable," said Martin, who is not involved in Lee's case.

Key to Lee's situation is his only child, 68-year-old Joan Celia "JC" Lee, who has been dependent her entire life on her father, according to a sworn declaration signed by Lee in February that was drafted by attorney Tom Lallas.

Several "bad actors" with bad intentions ... have insinuated themselves into relationships with JC ... to try to take advantage of me to gain control of my assets, property and money," the declaration said.

Lallas was fired after drafting the declaration, and many of Lee's longtime employees have been dismissed, according to a February story in The Hollywood Reporter.

One of the "bad actors" named in the document, Keya Morgan, appeared to gain control over Lee's life and affairs for the next several months. On May 30, Morgan left Lee's side briefly and returned to find that he was shut out as detectives and a social worker interviewed Lee to investigate elder abuse.

It's unclear who currently surrounds Lee and is managing his affairs. A series of court hearings for Morgan this week could bring clarity.

None of the turmoil has kept Lee from making another of his signature cameos in the latest Marvel movie, "Ant-Man and the Wasp."

In it, Lee is thrown for a loop during an action sequence. Bewildered, he says, "Well, the '60s were fun, but now I'm paying for it."

## 'Jurassic World 2' the top movie again

From wire services

The "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" dinosaurs ruled the box office for a second weekend in a row, but also left a little room for more modest newcomers like "Sicario: Day of the Soldado" and the basketball comedy "Uncle Drew."

Studies on Sunday estimate that the sequel to "Jurassic World" earned an additional \$60 million in its second weekend in North American theaters, bringing its domestic total to \$264.8 million. Worldwide, the film has grossed \$932.4 million.

"Incredibles 2," now in its third weekend in theaters, took second place with \$45.5 million, bringing its domestic total to \$439.7 million.

Action thriller "Sicario: Day of the Soldado," a sequel starring Josh Brolin and Benicio Del Toro, earned \$19 million to take third place.

Landing in fourth place with \$15.5 million was the basketball comedy "Uncle Drew," featuring NBA All-Stars Kyrie Irving and Shaquille O'Neal.

## Drake stings streaming competition

Drake's "Scorpion" has set a record for most one-day streams for an album on Apple Music.

The streaming platform says the album logged more than 170 million streams worldwide in the first day since its release June 29, more than doubling Drake's prior one-day record on Apple Music with last year's "More Life."

The 25-track "Scorpion" includes the No. 1 hits "Nice for What" and "God's Plan." The album features Michael Jackson on a previously unreleased track as well as collaborations with Jay-Z and Ty Dolla Sign.

The album is expected to debut at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart.

## Junot Diaz denies allegations

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Junot Diaz is speaking out about the sexual misconduct allegations against him.

The Boston Globe reports Diaz adamantly denies the accusations from women who say he behaved inappropriately.

Diaz says it doesn't sound "like anything that's in my life, anything that's me."

Author Zinzi Clemmons and other female writers have recently shared stories of Diaz's behavior. Clemmons said Diaz forcibly kissed her several years ago; others cited instances when they felt he had verbally attacked them. Diaz has said he takes responsibility for his past actions.

Diaz is keeping his teaching and editing positions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Boston Review following separate investigations into wrongdoing. A top editor at Boston Review said the accusations lacked "the kind of severity" that animated the #MeToo movement.

## Other news

■ A part owner of Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On" is suing Ed Sheeran for \$100 million after getting blocked from a similar lawsuit brought by other copyright owners. Both lawsuits say the British songwriter copied parts of the soul classic for his Grammy-winning hit "Thinking Out Loud."

■ Alan Longmuir, a founding member of the Bay City Rollers who played multiple instruments, including bass guitar and keyboards, has died in Scotland. He was 70. The Bay City Rollers, formed in the late 1960s, were known for their tartan outfits and upbeat, catchy tunes like "Bye Bye Baby" and "Shang-a-Lang."

■ Choreographer Gillian Lynne, who worked closely for many years with composer Andrew Lloyd Webber on some of his most famous works, died Sunday in London. She was 92. Lynne's many credits included the phenomenally successful "Cats" and "Phantom of the Opera."

■ Peter Firmin, the co-creator of the classic British children's TV programs "Clangers," "Bagpuss" and "The Basil Brush Show," died Sunday after a short illness. He was 89.



## Roseanne Barr says she has multiple offers to return to TV

BY KATE FELDMAN  
New York Daily News

Roseanne Barr's Hollywood exile looks like it'll be short-lived.

The controversial actress said she's already weighing offers to go back in front of the camera barely a month after she was axed at ABC.

"Inside every bad thing is a good thing waiting to happen, and I feel very excited because I've already been offered so many things, and I almost already accepted one really good offer to go back on TV, and I might do it," Barr told Rabbi Shmuley Boteach on his podcast released June 30. "But we'll see."

Barr was fired and "Roseanne" canceled in late May after she called Valerie Jarrett, the former senior adviser to former Presi-

dent Barack Obama, the baby of the "Muslim brotherhood & planet of the apes."

The entire cast, minus Barr, has since been brought back for a second reboot, tentatively called "The Conners." Part of the rules for the show's return was that Barr would waive any financial and creative rights.

"I didn't ask to be paid off. I asked for nothing, and I just stepped away ... because that is penance. I put a lot of thought into it," she told Boteach.

Barr, who blamed her late-night racism on Aamien, said she plans to apologize to Jarrett, but isn't sure how.

"It's all about right words and you have to do a lot of meditating and praying for the right words and I just don't know what the right words would be," she said.

## SHIFTING GEARS



PHOTOS BY ROBERT DUFFER, CHICAGO TRIBUNE/TNS

# 2019 Ascent boosts Subaru into 3-row class

By ROBERT DUFFER  
Chicago Tribune

**S**ubaru is rising. The small Japanese brand has had 78 months of consecutive growth. It is one of the industry leaders in conquest sales — taking customers from other brands — and has the second-highest brand loyalty rate, behind Toyota, according to Edmunds.com. It has capitalized on the crossover craze and eaten away at the market share of the big boys without having a big boy in its lineup. Until now.

With the 2019 Ascent, Subaru finally has a proper three-row crossover with all-wheel drive safety, off-road capability and full family-hauler functionality.

Let's be honest. A three-row crossover is as exciting as your second-grader's artwork. But the Ascent fills a huge void in Subaru's relatively small lineup and should keep loyalists in the family as they get a family.

Subaru either learned from its mistakes in the wishy-washy Tribeca (2005-14) or learned from being the last automaker to offer a competitive three-row crossover.

The Ascent drives much smaller than the other latecomer, the Volkswagen Atlas, and feels more like the sporting Mazda CX-9 behind the wheel. It's a smooth adjustment for consumers going from a smaller crossover or even a car.

The all-new turbocharged boxer four-cylinder engine makes 260 horsepower and 277 pound-feet of torque, good enough to tow 5,000 pounds, according to Subaru.

That output beats the 3.6-liter flat-6 engine in other Subies, so expect it to be the engine of the future.

Because the pistons are horizontally opposed, the boxer engine sits lower in the bay and has less vibration than inline or V-6 setups. It makes for a smoother, more nimble ride than other three-row crossovers. The stepped gear ratios in the

continuously variable transmission approximate the shift points you'd come to expect in an automatic transmission without the heavy droning and sense of anticipation that comes with other CVTs.

In short, the driver won't pay much attention to the inner workings of the powertrain. It's responsive for everyday needs and utilizes Subaru's effortless all-wheel-drive system with X-Mode, which controls wheel spin at lower speeds.

It sits larger than it rides, unlike the comparatively cramped CX-9. It's not as roomy as the Atlas or Honda Pilot in the third row, though. Subaru says three child seats could fit, but your knees ride high back there. Like in most vehicles in this class, that row is best for grade-schoolers.

Also like the CX-9, Atlas and Ford Explorer, the top-of-the-line Touring trim puts a price on premium. Java brown leather with heated everything contrasts against the black dash with silver accents. A wood grain console gives it that upscale touch, while the center stack has big climate and audio knobs for the gloved among us in the Snow Belt.

There are essentially three vehicle info display areas, with some redundancy. The 8-inch touch screen is mainly for navigation and for the passenger to have a say in audio controls or to play with apps. Above the center stack embedded in the dash is Subaru's multifunction display, which shows a more detailed look at what systems are in use, such as torque distribution or the engaged elements of Eye Sight — Subaru's excellent suite of advanced driv-

er assistance systems. After getting over my skepticism at more screens, I came to appreciate seeing in one place what lane-keep assist was doing with blind-spot alert and adaptive cruise control instead of glancing at icons in the gauge cluster. The vehicle info display in the gauge cluster shows speedometer, fuel economy, trip meters and more. The only confusing part is remembering where the buttons are to play with each one.

Also nice to play with are the 19 cup holders; parents won't be surprised by how quickly they fill with noncup kid stuff. Touring has six USB ports instead of four, including two in the third row. The second row comes with captain's chairs with knob-ish handles on top to help third-row passengers climb in or out. Subtle, clever, Subaru. At this price point it would have been nice to have headrests that collapse when pulling the strap to collapse the third row.

Ascent has a relatively low load floor despite having 8.7 inches of ground clearance for modest but capable off-roading. The doors open wide for easy access, and the cargo area is wide on top and bottom to load two hockey bags vertically and still fit seven passengers. And those roof rails can support a roof tent, which evidently is a thing.

It's all very easy, which should be welcome relief to anyone hauling kids.

In a market overrun with three-row crossovers, Subaru needed the Ascent more than the market needed it. But Ascent should keep Subaru trending upward.

### 2019 Subaru Ascent Touring



**Vehicle type:** 3-row midsize SUV  
**Base price:** \$31,995  
**Price as tested:** \$44,695 in Touring trim (excluding \$975 destination)  
**Powertrain:** 2.4-liter turbo boxer four-cylinder  
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**Transmission in all-wheel drive**  
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## BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Canada's tariffs hit long list of US goods

By PAUL WISEMAN  
AND TRACEY LINDEMAN  
Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — Canada began imposing tariffs Sunday on \$12.6 billion in U.S. goods as retaliation for the Trump administration's new taxes on steel and aluminum imported to the United States.

Some U.S. products, mostly steel and iron, face 25 percent tariffs, the same penalty the United States slapped on import-

ed steel at the end of May. Other U.S. imports, from ketchup to pizza to dishwasher detergent, will face a 10 percent tariff at the Canadian border, the same as America's tax on imported aluminum.

President Donald Trump had enraged Canada and other U.S. allies by declaring imported steel and aluminum a threat to America's national security and, therefore, a legitimate target for U.S. tariffs.

Canada is the United States'

second-biggest trading partner in goods, just behind China.

Speaking Sunday in Leamington, Ontario, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau thanked Canadians for standing united against Trump's sanctions. He urged Canadians to "make their choices accordingly" in considering whether to buy American products.

The selection of Leamington, known as Canada's tomato capital, was no accident. The town is home to a food-process-

ing plant that supplies tomato paste and other products to French's, a major competitor of Kraft Heinz. Heinz left Canada and sold its Leamington plant in 2014 after 105 years of Canadian operations.

The new Canadian tariffs, which took effect at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, are hitting a long list of U.S. consumer goods, including ketchup and other Kraft Heinz products.

As part of his combative "America first" approach,

Trump has repeatedly attacked the trade policies of the United States' northern neighbor, citing Canada's triple-digit tariffs on dairy products, which account for only about 0.1 percent of U.S.-Canada trade.

The United States, in fact, last year enjoyed a \$2.8 billion overall trade surplus with Canada.

Trump has also tried to pressure Canada and Mexico into agreeing to rewrite NAFTA to shift more auto production and investment to the United States.

## Trump delaying NAFTA deal until after midterm elections

By KEN THOMAS  
Associated Press

BERKELEY HEIGHTS, N.J. — President Donald Trump intends to delay signing a revised version of the North American Free Trade Agreement until after the fall midterm elections, a move aimed at reaching a better deal with Canada and Mexico.

Trump said in an interview that aired Sunday that he could quickly sign an agreement with the United States' neighbors, "but I'm not happy with it. I want to make it more fair."

Asked about the timing of an agreement, Trump said, "I want to wait until after the election."

The president's decision to push back the NAFTA talks comes as the U.S. and Canada have been engaged in a tit-for-tat trade dispute over Trump's tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum. Canada announced billions of dollars in retaliatory tariffs against the U.S. on Friday, and the president signaled the trade rattling could continue.

In the interview on Fox News



PAUL SANCYA/AP

**Trucks cross the Ambassador Bridge from Windsor, Ontario, into Detroit. In nearly a quarter-century since NAFTA was approved, a complex chain of automotive parts makers has sprung up on both sides of the U.S.-Canada border.**

Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo," Trump again threatened to impose tariffs on imported cars, trucks and auto parts, saying, "The cars are the big ones." The

move has been viewed as a possible negotiating ploy to restart NAFTA talks, which could resume following Sunday's elections in Mexico.

If the U.S. moved forward with

tariffs on auto imports, it would be a blow to Canada's economy because of the critical nature that the auto industry plays in the country. The U.S. Commerce Department is expected to hold hearings on auto tariffs in late July and to complete its investigation into auto imports later this summer.

Trump has sought to renegotiate NAFTA to encourage manufacturers to invest more in America and shift production from low-wage Mexico to the United States. The talks have stalled over several issues, including Trump's insistence on a clause that would end NAFTA every five years unless all three countries agree to sustain it.

The president has suggested he may pursue separate trade pacts with Canada and Mexico instead of continuing with a three-country deal. But any reworked deal would need to be considered by Congress, and negotiators missed a self-imposed deadline to wrap up the talks by mid-May to allow it to be considered by lawmakers before the November elections.

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British pound (July 3)	\$1.35
Japanese yen (July 3)	108.00
South Korean won (July 3)	1,088.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3793
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Canada (Dollar)	1.3203
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Philippines (Peso)	53.42
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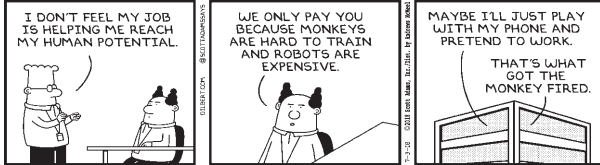
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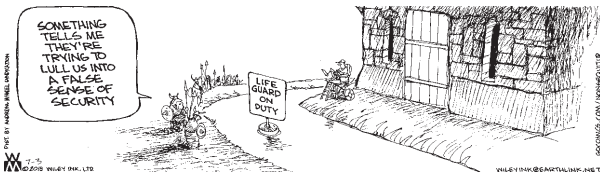
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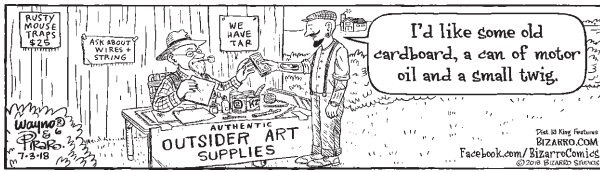
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### ACROSS

- 1 Bar bills
- 5 Pen name
- 8 Grand tale
- 12 Moll of baseball
- 13 — roll (winning)
- 14 Jules Verne captain
- 15 Very dark, as hair color
- 17 Snare
- 18 Ran into
- 19 Beethoven's Third
- 21 Iberian nation
- 24 Take to the pool
- 25 Brusque
- 26 Recover quickly
- 30 Exist
- 31 Weighing device
- 32 Actor Voight
- 33 "The Breakfast Club" clique
- 35 Head light?
- 36 Bruce Banner's alter ego
- 37 Cleaning agent
- 38 The Silver State
- 41 Filming site
- 42 Dutch cheese
- 43 Sommelier's organizer
- 48 Initial chip
- 49 Latin 101 word
- 50 Bassoon's kin
- 51 Colleen

### DOWN

- 1 Mahal preceder
- 2 Pub pint
- 3 Automaton, for short
- 4 Hand in
- 5 Gravy vessel
- 6 Business mag
- 7 Easy task
- 8 Place in a crypt
- 9 Actress Gilpin
- 10 Apple computer
- 11 Nightclub of song
- 16 Sportscaster
- 20 Mature
- 21 Wound cover
- 22 Engine noise
- 23 Region
- 24 Nosh at midnight
- 26 Rogue
- 27 Slightly open
- 28 Pop flavor
- 29 Kentucky fort
- 31 Tater
- 34 London's river
- 35 Fast car
- 37 Spell-off
- 38 "Hud" Oscar winner
- 39 Author Ferber
- 40 Cisterns
- 41 Uppity one
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- 45 — Dhabi
- 46 Camp bed
- 47 Crucial

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# AUTO RACING/GOLF



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Kyle Busch celebrates after winning Sunday's Cup series race at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill.

## Busch tops Larson for fifth Cup win

By JAY COHEN  
Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — Kyle Busch and Kyle Larson raced all over the track during an electric final lap. As Busch began to celebrate his dramatic victory, Larson gave him a thumbs-up.

It was quite a finish, and they knew it.

Busch outdueled Larson down the stretch Sunday in the NASCAR Cup Series race at Chicagoland Speedway, earning his fifth victory of the season.

"It was a good day, a great finish, an exciting one for that, especially at a mile and a half," Busch said. "People don't necessarily see those very much anymore. Man, you just got to be pumped for that. It's cool."

Busch moved into the lead on a restart with 58 laps to go, replacing Kevin Harvick at the front of the field. Busch, Harvick and Martin Truex Jr. — NASCAR's top three teams so far this season — were up front with about 40 laps left before a hard-charging Larson crashed the party.

He powered by Harvick to get into second. He appeared to be in trouble after brushing the wall with seven laps left, but he kept going and Busch was slowed by a couple lapped cars at the back of the field.

Busch and Larson then were neck-and-neck on the final lap. Larson bumped into the back of Busch's car and moved into the lead. Busch then raced into the back of Larson's car and sped ahead for the victory.

"When I was going down the backstretch, I was like, 'Hell, no, you're not taking this one away right now,'" Busch said. "This was kind of where I was at. I was just going to do anything that it took for us to be able to get back to the start/finish line first."

Busch was booed by the crowd when he got out of his No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota. He playfully rubbed his left eye in a crying motion and waved off the jeering fans.

Larson, who was trying for a

weekend sweep after winning the Xfinity Series race Saturday, had no complaints.

"I roughed him up. He roughed me up. That's racing," he said.

It was Busch's second win at Chicagoland, joining his victory in 2008. He also moved into a tie with Herb Thomas for 14th on the Cup Series' career wins list with 48.

"He's a one-in-a-million talent," Busch crew chief Adam Stevens said. "The sport hasn't seen too many people with his level of talent. To get the chance to race with him, win some races with him is what every little boy dreams about."

With NASCAR heading to Daytona this week, Busch and Harvick are tied for the series lead in wins. It's just the fourth time in series history that two drivers won at least five times in the first 17 races of the season, joining Denny Hamlin and Jimmie Johnson in 2010 and Richard Petty and Cale Yarborough in 1974 and 1977.

Busch leads the standings by 62 points over Harvick, who finished third for his 11th top-10 result in 18 races on the 1.5-mile oval in the Chicago suburbs. Truex was fourth, falling short in his bid for a third straight win at the track.

"Our car was just off all weekend," Harvick said. "We had a tough time making the front end turn and then we would wind up way too tight, all the way through the corner or way too loose all the way through the corner. The guys did a good job and kept us in the game all day. We had a chance, we just wound up at the wrong side of it at the end."

Aric Almirola led a race-high 70 laps — he led 40 laps in the previous five seasons combined — but he had to pit twice for loose wheels. He finished 25th.

The temperature was in the 90s for much of the day, creating difficult conditions in the cars. The drivers cooled down with bags of ice and bottles of water at pit stops.

"That was hard racing," Larson said. "I had a lot of fun."

## Golf roundup

# Molinari dominates field

Associated Press

POTOMAC, Md. — Francesco Molinari delivered a record performance to win the final edition of the Quicken Loans National.

Molinari holed a 50-foot eagle putt to start the back nine, and he never stopped until he turned the final round into a runaway Sunday at the TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm. The Italian closed with an 8-under 62 for an eight-shot victory, matching the largest margin this year on the PGA Tour.

Molinari followed that eagle putt with an approach to 2 feet on No. 11, one of the hardest par 4s on tour that had yielded only one other birdie in the final round. He made three more birdies and ended his round by missing a birdie putt from 8 feet.

No matter. He finished at 21-under 259, breaking the tournament record by seven shots.

"It was a lot easier than I thought," Molinari said with a wide grin. "I played great. The start of the back nine was incredible."

Tiger Woods closed with a 66, his lowest final round in more than five years, and he was never close. Woods tied for fourth, his best result since a runner-up finish at the Valspar Championship three months ago, though he was 10 shots behind.

"I was only four back at the time when I made the turn, and so I thought that maybe if I got on the back nine, I shot 30 — maybe 29 — that would be enough," Woods said. "Evidently, I would have to shoot 24 on the back nine. What Francesco is doing back there is just awesome."

Ryan Armour closed with a 68 to finish second, earning one of four spots to the British Open. The other three spots went to Sung Kang, who finished third after a 64; Abraham Ancer, who tied for fourth after a 72; and Bronson Burgett, who had a day he won't forget.

He played with Woods for the first time and experience larger crowds and louder noise than he

had ever experienced. And with a birdie on the final hole for a 67, he tied for sixth to earn his first trip to the British Open.

"I've never seen anything like it," Burgett said.

Molinari's decision to stay in America paid off in a big way. He is around the fringe of Ryder Cup qualifying, and the French Open was this week on the Ryder Cup course outside Paris. He also was No. 123 in the FedEx Cup, so Molinari decided to play the Quicken Loans National and the John Deere Classic in two weeks to improve his standing.

The victory, his second on the PGA Tour schedule, gives him a two-year exemption and moved him to No. 42 in the FedEx Cup.

"That's what I came here for," Molinari said. "It was not easy to skip Paris and the French Open. I made the right decision."

## Park claims second major in playoff

KILDEER, Ill. — Sung Hyun Park beat So Yeon Ryu on the second hole of a playoff Sunday in the KPMG Women's PGA Championship.

After a brief rain delay on the par-4 16th hole at Kemper Lakes, Ryu's birdie try rolled past, and Park finished off her South Korean compatriot with a 10-footer. Park raised her arms and placed her hands on her head before hugging her caddy and wiping away tears.

Japanese teen Nasa Hataoka, after shooting an 8-under 64 to post at 10 under, dropped out of the playoff with a par on the par-4 18th.

Ryu made a 20-footer for birdie from the fringe, and Park followed from 10 feet.

Park closed with a 3-under 69. Ryu had a 73. She took a two-stroke lead on the 16th, but hit into the water on the par-3 17th en route to a double bogey. Park made a brilliant par save on 16.

The 24-year-old Park also won

the 2017 U.S. Women's Open.

Jessica Korda (68) and Angel Yin (71) tied for fourth at 7 under, with Charley Hull (67) at 6 under. Brooke Henderson (74) — second through three rounds — was 5 under.

## Toms' long putts pay off at US Senior Open

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Sooner or later, somebody was bound to make a long putt at the Broadmoor.

Maybe two, even.

David Toms did just that Sunday — and not too much afterward was hoisting the trophy for the U.S. Senior Open.

On a course where the greens perplexed the entire field for four straight days, Toms rolled in a 15-footer for a go-ahead birdie on No. 16, then coaxed in a downhill, 20-foot slider to save par after driving into a fairway bunker on the 530-yard, par-4 17th.

He shot even-par 70 and finished at 3-under 277 to win for the first time on either the senior or regular tours in more than seven years. Toms finished a shot ahead of Miguel Angel Jimenez, Tim Petrovic and Jerry Kelly in an all-day dog fight; five players, including Paul Goydos, were tied for the lead when Toms and Kelly teed off on the 14th hole.

## Noren wins French Open by one stroke

PARIS — Alex Noren won the French Open by one shot on Sunday after a final round 4-under 67.

The Swede started the day seven shots behind compatriot Marcus Kinhult but he birdied two of his last three holes to finish at 7-under 277, just ahead of Scotland's Russell Knox, England's Chris Wood and Julian Suri of the United States.

The American finished with a double bogey on the last hole for a 69, while Wood bogeyed two of the last four holes for a 73.



NICK WASS/AP

Francesco Molinari watches his shot on the eighth tee during the final round of the Quicken Loans National on Sunday in Potomac, Md. He shot a 21-under 259 to win and set the tournament record.



## MLB

# Yankees rout rival Red Sox to win series

## Hicks' three HRs lead New York

By MIKE FITZPATRICK  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — First, it was third-string catcher Kyle Higashioka getting the silent treatment in the dugout after a home run. Then, the same for Aaron Hicks when he hit homer No. 3.

On a 91-degree night with the pennant race heating up, the New York Yankees enjoyed some more yucks against their biggest rival.

Hicks launched three home runs and the Yankees pummeled David Price again, connecting five times in the first four innings Sunday on the way to an 11-1 rout of the Boston Red Sox.

"It feels awesome," Hicks said. "I blacked out after the third one. Kind of didn't know what to do. But I mean, it's exciting."

Luis Severino became the first 13-game winner in the majors, cruising through 6½ shutout innings of two-hit ball after the Bronx Bombers quickly built him a big cushion. With the teams trading blowouts all weekend, the Yankees (54-27) took two of three from Boston to regain baseball's best record and first place in the AL East.

"It's going to be a dogfight. We have a good team, they have a good team," Red Sox manager Alex Cora said. "A weird series, honestly. It was very weird. Weird



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

The Yankees' Aaron Hicks hits his second home run of the game during the fourth inning on Sunday against the Boston Red Sox in New York. Hicks finished with three home runs in the Yankees' 11-1 win.

games."

Aaron Judge and Gleyber Torres also homered for New York, which leads the 19-game season series 5-4. The next time the teams meet is early August at Fenway Park.

"I'm sure it's going to be a fun few months," Yankees manager

Aaron Boone said.

The first Yankees leadoff batter to hit three home runs in a game, Hicks connected twice from the right side of the plate and once from the left. He smacked a two-run shot to right field in the second inning and a solo drive to center in the fourth that chased

Price (9-6) and made it 8-0.

Hicks pulled his 14th of the season into the right-field stands in the eighth off Hector Velazquez. It was the first three-homer game by a Yankee player since Alex Rodriguez, part of the ESPN broadcast crew Sunday, accomplished the feat at Minnesota in

**'It feels awesome. I blacked out after the third one.'**

Aaron Hicks  
Yankees outfielder

July 2015.

The only other Yankees hitter to go deep three times at the current Yankee Stadium was Curtis Granderson in April 2012 against the Twins.

The Yankees finished with a season-high six homers to boost their major league-leading total to 137, setting a franchise record for before the All-Star break.

Exactly halfway through its season, New York is on pace to surpass the 1997 Seattle Mariners' mark of 264 homers.

Price was rocked for eight earned runs — matching a career high — and nine hits in 3½ innings, his latest flop against the Yankees. He had never given up more than three homers in a game.

Severino (13-2) lowered his AL-leading ERA to 1.98 and improved to 8-0 at home this season. He walked off to a standing ovation from the sellout crowd of 46,795 and tipped his cap, right on track to become the first Yankees pitcher to start the All-Star Game since Roger Clemens in 2001.

"It means a lot," Severino said. "Facing the Red Sox is one of the best things in baseball."

## Roundup

# Snell, Rays beat Astros to wrap impressive homestand

Associated Press

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** — Blake Snell struck out 10, reliever Diego Castillo fanned Jose Altuve in a key spot and Tampa Bay beat Houston 3-2 to end a homestand.

The Rays went 8-1 atropicana Field, taking three of four from the World Series champion Astros, sweeping three from the New York Yankees and winning both games against Washington. Tampa Bay set a team record by allowing no more than two runs in its sixth straight game.

Matt Duffy hit a two-out, two-run single in the seventh inning that put the Rays ahead 2-1 and Mallex Smith homered in the eighth. Evan Gattis homered twice for Houston.

Snell (11-4) allowed one run and four hits in 7½ innings.

Charlie Morton (10-2) struck out 11 in 6½ innings.

**Cubs 11, Twins 10:** At Chicago, Jon Lester hit a three-run homer in an eight-run second inning and wound up with his NL-leading 11th victory.

Ian Happ also homered for the Cubs. They have scored at least 10 runs in four straight games for the first time since 1920. Chicago swept the three-game series and has won four in a row overall.

**Dodgers 6, Rockies 4:** Matt Kemp had three hits and drove in four runs, including a go-ahead homer leading off the eighth inning that rallied Los Angeles past visiting Colorado to prevent a sweep.

Kemp sent his 14th homer of the season over the center-field wall off Adam Otta-



STEVE NISSEN/AP

Tampa Bay's Chris Archer, right, doubles Mallex Smith after Smith's solo home run off Houston Astros reliever Brad Peacock on Sunday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

vino (4-2) to put Los Angeles ahead 5-4. It was the Dodgers' first homer of July after they hit a major league-leading and franchise-record 55 in June.

**Giants 9, Diamondbacks 6:** Brandon Belt and Joe Panik drove in two runs each and Hunter Pence had a pinch-hit, two-run double, leading San Francisco to a series sweep against host Arizona.

The Giants had 11 hits in the first five innings and cruised to their seventh win in eight games.

**Orioles 8, Angels 2:** Manny Machado and Mark Trumbo hit consecutive homers after the Angels lost a popup in the sun, and Baltimore beat visiting Los Angeles to end a seven-game losing streak.

The Orioles improved to 1-15 against the AL West and won at home for only the second time in 19 games since May 13.

**Indians 15, Athletics 3:** Francisco Lindor homered and hit two of visiting Cleveland's 11 doubles and the Indians ended Oakland's six-game winning streak.

Mike Clevinger (7-3) allowed three runs over six uneven innings as the AL Central leaders avoided a sweep. The Indians were outscored 10-3 in the first two games of the series and were on the verge of being swept for the second time this season before breaking out against A's starter Frankie Montas (4-2).

**White Sox 10, Rangers 5:** Matt Davidson hit a two-run double in his second straight three-hit game to lead Chicago past host Texas.

Avissail Garcia had four hits, and Davidson and Jose Abreu drove in three runs apiece to help the White Sox avoid a sweep to start a 10-game road trip, their longest

of the season.

**Phillies 4, Nationals 3 (13):** Pinch-hitter Andrew Knapp homered just inside the right-field foul pole in the 13th inning to lift Philadelphia past visiting Washington.

The Phillies took three of four in the series, with all the wins by one run. The Nationals are 6-15 in their past 21 games.

**Reds 8, Brewers 2:** Jose Peraza kept up Cincinnati's parade of grand slams, sending Matt Harvey and the host Reds over NL Central-leading Milwaukee.

**Mets 5, Marlins 2:** Steven Matz and three relievers combined on a four-hitter and visiting New York beat Miami to escape the NL East cellar after a one-day stay.

**Braves 6, Cardinals 5:** Mike Foltynewicz threw five shutout innings and Freddie Freeman homered in Atlanta's victory over host St. Louis.

**Tigers 9, Blue Jays 1:** Nick Castellanos hit his fourth career grand slam, Jordan Zimmermann pitched seven strong innings and visiting Detroit beat Toronto to snap a snapping an 11-game losing streak.

**Pirates 7, Padres 5:** Colin Moran hit his second grand slam of the season and Corey Dickerson and Elias Diaz also homered in Pittsburgh's victory over host San Diego.

**Mariners 1, Royals 0:** James Paxton limited Kansas City to two hits and struck out 11 in eight innings and host Seattle beat the Royals for its season-best seventh consecutive victory.

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Serena Williams celebrates winning a point from Arantxa Rus during their first-round match at Wimbledon on Monday in London.

## Williams sisters, Federer advance

Associated Press

LONDON — Serena Williams missed six match points to finish off a 7-5, 6-3 win over Arantxa Rus of the Netherlands and reach the second round of Wimbledon.

Williams broke for a 5-3 lead in the second set and led 40-15 when serving for the match, but Rus saved the first two match points and then another three after reaching deuce. However, Rus finally sent a shot into the net to give Williams a winning return to the All England Club.

The seven-time champion missed last year's tournament while pregnant.

Her sister, five-time champion Venus Williams, also advanced to the second round, with a 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-1 victory over Johanna Larsson.

Having struggled to establish a rhythm against her Swedish opponent during the opening set, ninth-seeded Venus won 10 games in a row from 1-2 in the second to take control.

The 38-year-old American, the oldest woman in the draw, reached the 2017 final where she was beaten by Garbine Muguruza.

Eight-time champion Roger Federer began his title defense in style, brushing aside Dusan Lajovic of Serbia 6-1, 6-3, 6-4 in 79 minutes on Centre Court.

Lajovic held serve in the opening game but that was as good as it got for the 58th-ranked Serbian, who had lost the next nine games to take charge and was in cruise control for the rest of the match.

The 36-year-old Swiss star never faced a break point and showed off the full repertoire of shots that have made him the most successful male player at Wimbledon.

The only things unfamiliar about Federer were his clothes. He wore a Uniqlo outfit for the first time after ending his career-long apparel partnership with Nike. But it clearly had no effect on his game.

"Felt right at home again, so that was a really nice feeling," he said. "I got the early break in each set and then was able to bring it home. I'm really happy with my focus as well, point-for-point mentality."

Federer is looking for a record-extending ninth title at the All England Club but only needed to step onto the court to create a bit more history. He is the first man in the Open era to play in the grass-court Grand Slam for a 20th straight year.

Katie Swan became the first British player to progress to the second round with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Irina-Camelia Begu.

The 19-year-old Swiss defeated her 36th-ranked opponent in just 52 minutes to earn the first Grand Slam victory of her career.

The 204th-ranked Swan is one of five British women aged from 19 to 23 to have been given a wild card to Wimbledon.

Earlier, Harriet Dart lost to seventh-seeded Karolina Pliskova 7-6 (2), 2-6, 6-1.

The 4th-seeded Stephens produced an error-stricken display on No. 1 Court as she exited in the opening round for a second consecutive year.

Having backed up her 2017 US Open triumph by reaching the French Open final last month, Stephens was considered a Wimbledon contender.

## Scoreboard

Monday  
The All England Lawn Tennis  
& Croquet Club  
London  
Men's Singles  
First Round

Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.  
Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 4-6, 7-6 (7), 6-3.

Jann-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Leonardo Mayer (2), Argentina, 3-6, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Gastao Elias, Portugal, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.  
Daniil Medvedev, Russia, def. Borna Coric (16), Croatia, 7-6 (6), 6-2, 6-3.

Sam Querrey (11), U.S., def. Jordan Thompson, Australia, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.  
Sergiy Stakhovych, Ukraine, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-3, 6-3, 5-7, 1-6, 6-4.

Phil-Kohlstrasser (25), Germany, def. Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5.  
Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, def. Michael Mmoh, U.S., 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7), 6-3, 6-1.

Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. John-Patrick Smith, Australia, 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (7), 6-3, 6-1.

Martin Cilic (3), Croatia, def. Yoshihito Nishioka, Japan, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.  
Nicolas Pietrangeli, Argentina, def. Jason Kubler, Australia, 6-4, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (3).

Mackenzie McDonald, United States, def. Richard Berankis, Lithuania, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 7-6 (6).

Alexandra Jarry, Chile, def. Filip Krajinovic (28), Serbia, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.  
Lucas Pouille (17), France, def. Denis Kudla, United States, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

Dennis Novak, Austria, def. Peter Polansky, Canada, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (7).  
Milos Raonic (13), Canada, def. Liam Broady, Britain, 7-5, 6-0, 6-1.

John Isner (9), United States, def. Yannick Mandanik, Germany, 6-2, 7-6 (4), 7-5.

**Women's Singles  
First Round**  
Karolina Pliskova (7), Czech Republic, def. Harriet Dart, Britain, 7-6 (2), 2-6, 6-1.

Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, def. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, 7-6 (4), 6-3.  
Katie Swan, Britain, def. Irina Begu, Romania, 6-2.

Kiki Bertens (20), Netherlands, def. Barbara Stefkova, C. Republic, 6-3, 6-2.  
Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, def. Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.

Venus Williams (9), U.S., def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-1.  
Andrea Petkovic, Germany, def. Shuai Zhang (31), China, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Rebecca Peterson, Sweden, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 7-5, 6-4.  
Lucy Kerslake, Britain, 7-6 (5), 7-5, 6-3.

Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, def. Antonia Lotterer, Germany, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.  
Donna Vekic, Croatia, def. Sloane Stephens (4), United States, 6-3, 6-3.

Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Magdalena Rybakovska, Ukraine, 7-5, 6-3.  
Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, def. Antonia Lotterer, Germany, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Donna Vekic, Croatia, def. Sloane Stephens (4), United States, 6-3, 6-3.

## Blues fill need with trade for C O'Reilly

By JOHN WAWRO  
Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Still stung by the Blues missing this playoffs for the first time in six seasons, general manager Doug Armstrong capped a major roster overhaul on the first day of the NHL's free-agency period by acquiring center Ryan O'Reilly in multi-player trade with the Buffalo Sabres.

Aside from landing a nine-year veteran in O'Reilly on Sunday, St. Louis committed \$31 million in salary to sign forwards David Perron and center Tyler Bozak to multiyear contracts.

"Once you miss the playoffs, change has to happen," Armstrong said. "We're a non-playoff team for the first time in a number of years and it doesn't sit well with the St. Louis Blues organization, and certainly the fan base."

Making drastic changes was also the theme in Buffalo, where general manager Jason Botterill continued shuffling the under-performing roster of a team that finished last in the standings for the third time in five years.

"We had to change the dynamic," Botterill said. "The bottom line was there's a lot of great people in that locker room, but when you finish 31st, you have to look to make changes."

The Sabres added experience to a young roster by acquiring veterans forwards Vladimir Sobotka and Patrik Berglund. They also acquired forward Tage Thompson, a 2016 first-round draft pick, who had three goals and six assists in 41 games as an NHL rookie this season last year.

Buffalo rounded out its haul by adding a conditional first-round draft pick next year and a second-round in 2021.

The Blues also agreed to pay O'Reilly the \$7.5 million contract bonus he was due by the end of the day.

Botterill said the price for O'Reilly would have gone up once the Sabres were put in a position to pay the bonus.

Berglund, a former first-round draft pick, has 168 goals and 322 points in 694 games over a 10-year career in St. Louis. Sobotka is a defensive forward, who has 47 goals and 155 points in 463 career games over nine seasons.

The trade continued a busy stretch in Botterill's rebuilding plans.

Aside from selecting 18-year-old Swedish defenseman Rasmus Dahlin with the No. 1 pick in the draft last month, he also acquired play-making forward Conor Sheary in a trade with Pittsburgh last week.



O'Reilly

Sabres addressed their goateen-need by signing former Blues backup Carter Hutton to a three-year, \$8.25 million deal.

Hutton will share the starting duties with Linus Ullmark, who is pegged to make the jump to Buffalo after three seasons in the minors.

O'Reilly was expendable because he was one of the few assets the Sabres could trade. And he also caused a stir during an end-of-season availability in which O'Reilly suggested there were times he had lost the passion for hockey, and noted a losing culture had crept into the locker room.

Armstrong is confident a change of scenery will help O'Reilly.

"I've certainly been guilty of saying things I was thinking and wishing I didn't say them. He probably would add that to the list of things he wishes he could've kept internal," said Armstrong, who is familiar with O'Reilly during the time they've spent together as part of Canada's national team at international tournaments.

"He's got great passion for the sport. He's got great passion to compete and win," he added. "And hopefully, this gives him the boost that he feels is necessary that he can come in here. And quite honestly, we need that boost."

O'Reilly completed his third season in Buffalo, since being acquired in a trade with Colorado, after which the Sabres signed him to a seven-year, \$52.5 million contract. He's one of the league's most dependable two-way forwards, and set the NHL record by winning 1,273 faceoffs last year.

Perron returns to St. Louis for the third time in his NHL career after signing for \$16 million over four years. He spent last season in Las Vegas, where he set career highs with 50 assists and 66 points.

Bozak, who signed a three-year, \$15 million deal with St. Louis, spent his first nine seasons in Toronto, where he scored 136 goals and 365 points in 594 games.

"You bring in Ryan O'Reilly, and you bring in Perron and Bozak, experience players. I think it just makes you better," Armstrong said.

Buffalo also signed goalie Scott Wedgewood, who is expected to take over the starting duties in the minors.

Forward Scott Wilson returned to Buffalo by signing a two-year, \$2.1 million contract. He signed last week after Buffalo elected against extending Wilson a qualifying offer to retain his rights because the team wanted to avoid the possibility of having his contract determined in arbitration.

The Sabres also signed prospect defenseman Brandon Hickey to a two-year entry-level contract. Hickey completed his senior season at Boston University, and was acquired by Buffalo in trade with Arizona last month.



## NBA



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

LeBron James, left, drives against Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry during the first half of Game 2 of the NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif. on June 3. James is signing as a free agent with the Los Angeles Lakers, leaving the Cavaliers for the second time to join one of the NBA's most iconic franchises. James agreed to a four-year, \$154 million contract on Sunday.

## James: Four-time MVP joining Lakers

FROM BACK PAGE

His management agency, Klutch Sports Group, announced his agreement with the Lakers with a simple, short release. It was a stark contrast from eight years ago, when a poorly conceived TV special to announce his departure from Cleveland backfired and damaged James' image.

James isn't planning any more comments and there won't be a welcoming press conference or celebration in Los Angeles, a person familiar with his plans said Sunday night on the condition of anonymity. James will make his next public comments on July 30 in Akron when he opens a public school started by his family foundation.

It was all different this time.

The game's biggest star will now lead a young Lakers team — run by Lakers Hall of Famer Magic Johnson — that has been overmatched in recent years while rebuilding. But the Lakers will instantly rise with James, a three-time champion who after being swept by the Warriors in this year's NBA Finals said he is still driven and very much in "championship mode."

James wasn't planning to have any face-to-face meetings, but Saturday night he met with Johnson, who sold him on his vision for the Lakers, the person told AP. Earlier in the week, Johnson seemed resigned to the possibility he might not get James or Paul George, who ended up re-signing with the Oklahoma City Thunder.

But Johnson was confident he could pull something off.

"I'm Magic Johnson," he said.

The Lakers' rich legacy is something that has always appealed to James and it wasn't long after his announcement that he heard from Kobe Bryant, who won five titles during 20 seasons with Los Angeles.

"Welcome to the family @KingJames," Bryant said on Twitter. "#Lakersisnt #stivoforgiveness." James and Bryant were Olympic teammates and there has been a perceived rivalry between the pair of alpha males. They're now linked like never before and if James wants to prepare for his eventual life after basketball, who better to learn from than Johnson, who has made a fortune as a business entrepreneur, or Bryant, an Academy Award winner.

The massive Los Angeles market will also provide James with a grander platform for his philanthropy and social activism. He already owns two homes in Southern California and has a film production

company.

This is the third time in eight years James has changed teams. After bolting from Cleveland in 2010, he returned in an emotional homecoming four years later, determined to make the Cavs champions. The 33-year-old had previously said he wanted to finish his career in Ohio, and although he's leaving again, Cavs fans are more forgiving after he ended the city's 52-year sport title drought in 2016.

Shortly after the announcement, which came in a surprising manner, James posted a three-photo tribute to Cleveland fans on his Instagram account.

"Thank you Northeast Ohio for an incredible four seasons," James wrote. "This will always be home."

But there will always be a portion of Cleveland fans disappointed that James left again and that he wouldn't give the Cavs a longer commitment. His deal with the Lakers is his longest since he signed for six years with Miami in 2010.

On Friday, James informed the Cavs that he was not exercising his \$35.6 million option and becoming a free agent. While in Los Angeles following a family vacation, he spoke to Cavs general manager Koby Altman moments after free agency opened on Sunday, and it appears that was more a courtesy than a chance for Cleveland to make one last pitch. Cleveland's roster was exposed during this year's finals, and James may not have seen a way for it to improve enough to win a fourth title.

James gave Cleveland something to remember in his final season. He played in all 82 regular-season games and then somehow carried a team that underwent several transformations to a fourth straight conference title and matchup against the Warriors. As has been the case in the past, James didn't have enough help as the Cavs were swept, dropping him to 3-6 in the NBA Finals — a record sometimes used to compare him, unfavorably, to Michael Jordan.

His stay with the Cavaliers will best be remembered for 2016, when he rallied the Cavs from a 3-1 deficit in the finals to stun the Warriors. James helped seal a Game 7 win with a chase-down block of Andre Igoudala, the signature moment of a career that has shown no signs of decay.

The chance to play for one of America's most storied franchises is a new challenge for James, who prides himself on knowing the game's history. In Los Angeles, championships are the standard and he'll feel new pressure in upholding the legacies of Johnson, Bryant, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Jerry West and other Lakers greats.

It's now his turn.

### Briefly

## Gilbert promises to retire LeBron's jersey

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert didn't trash LeBron James on his way out of town this time.

Instead, he promised to retire his jersey.

Eight years after he famously criticized James for leaving as a free agent in a letter, Gilbert thanked the superstar for coming back to Cleveland and ending the city's half-century championship drought. James announced on Sunday night that he's agreed to join the Los Angeles Lakers.

Although James is leaving Cleveland again, Gilbert used the occasion to wish James well, opening his statement by recalling the night in 2016 when James led the Cavs to a Game 7 win in the NBA Finals over Golden State. That victory gave Cleveland its first professional sports title since 1964.

"A championship that united generations of Clevelanders, both living and passed," Gilbert said. "Words do not express the meaning and the feeling this accomplishment brought to the people of Northeast Ohio. (...) LeBron, you came home and delivered the ultimate goal. Nothing but appreciation and gratitude for everything you put into every moment you spent in a Cavaliers uniform. We look forward to the retirement of the famous #23 Cavs jersey one day down the line..."

### McGee, Stephenson to join James in LA

JaVale McGee, a two-time NBA champion with the Golden State Warriors, is going to be part of the revamping by the Los Angeles Lakers, agreeing to a one-year deal worth just under \$2.4 million, according to a person familiar with the negotiations.

Lance Stephenson also is joining LeBron James in Los Angeles.

The two have traded testy moments in the playoffs when Stephenson's Indiana teams faced James' squads in both Miami and Cleveland.

Stephenson averaged 9.2 points last season.

### Raptors lock up reserve guard VanVleet

A person with knowledge of the contract says the club has reached an agreement with VanVleet on a two-year, \$18 million deal.

In his second season with Toronto, VanVleet, a restricted free agent, averaged 8.6 points and was a valuable backup to Kyle Lowry. VanVleet bounced between the D-League and Raptors in his 2016-17 rookie season, but the former Wichita State improved his game and has been rewarded.

In other NBA news:

■ A person familiar with the decision says the Philadelphia 76ers and JJ Redick have agreed to a one-year contract. Financial terms of the deal are not known.

■ A person with knowledge of the deal says the Dallas Mavericks have reached an agreement to bring back center Salah Mejri on a one-year contract for the veteran's minimum of \$1.6 million.

■ Glenn Robinson III has agreed to a one-year deal with the Detroit Pistons.

■ Aaron Gordon is staying in Orlando for big money after agreeing Sunday night to a four-year, \$82 million deal.

■ Mario Hezonja is leaving Orlando to play for David Fizdale and the New York Knicks. Hezonja averaged 9.6 points last season, easily the best of his three-year career. ESPN reported the Croatian native had agreed to a one-year deal worth \$6.5 million.



DAVID DERNER/AP

A Cleveland Cavaliers fan Jordan Phillips poses for a photo in front of a poster featuring LeBron James. With the announcement Sunday that the four-time NBA MVP has agreed to a four-year, \$154 million contract with the Los Angeles Lakers, the billboard is being removed once again. It was also removed in 2010 when James decided to join the Miami Heat.

## WORLD CUP

# England could end knockout futility against Colombia

By JAMES ELLINGWORTH  
Associated Press

**MOSCOW** — A mostly meaningless final group game could end up defining England's World Cup.

With two very different paths through the draw on offer and qualification in the bag, England coach Gareth Southgate rested players for the match against Belgium.

England lost 1-0 in a game where both teams only occasionally showed attacking intent, and that loss set up a second-round game against Colombia, but an easier path after that. Belgium got a Japanese team widely considered weaker, but a potential quarterfinal against Brazil.

Southgate has told his team not to think beyond the Colombia clash, reminding players that England hasn't won a knockout game since beating Ecuador at the World Cup in 2006. The last-16 loss to Iceland at the 2016 European Championship helped give Southgate the support he needed to accelerate a rebuild of the England team and focus on younger players.

For Colombia, the focus is on James Rodriguez, who went off injured during Colombia's 1-0 win over Senegal on Thursday and missed training Friday and Saturday. A scan showed he has a swelling in his right calf — though the Colombian football federation says the muscle is not torn. Coach Jose Pekerman has said he is "very concerned."

"We have to be ready for whoever plays," England midfielder Dele Alli said Saturday. "(Rodriguez) holds a threat and we're aware of that, but they've got a great squad."

If Colombia has to play without Rodriguez, that would mean an extra burden on players like winger Juan Cuadrado, who plays for Juventus, and midfielder Juan Quintero of River Plate. There's also an understanding that depth

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could win Colombia the game.

"As this World Cup shows, matches are won by details," midfielder Carlos Sanchez said Saturday. "There are teams that have world-class stars, but in the end they do not make the difference alone. It is the team which makes the difference."

**Spotlight on Kane:** England forward Harry Kane was the top scorer in the group stage with five goals, all against the weaker opposition of Tunisia and Panama. He's made no secret of the fact he'd like to be the World Cup's top scorer.

Standing in Kane's way is his Tottenham Hotspur teammate Davinson Sanchez, likely to start at center-back for Colombia.

"Davinson's a great player, a great guy as well," Alli said. "It's hard not to support him but, as players, there are no friendships on the pitch. We have to do our job and hope Harry will come out on top."

Colombia is focused on trying to stop England at set pieces, since four of Kane's five goals so far, and six of England's eight in total, came from dead-ball situations. Southgate has been looking to other sports like basketball and American football for insights into how players can deceive the opposition during a free kick or corner.

**England's penalty block:** Whenever England plays a knockout game, the conversation back home inevitably turns to the team's dismal record in penalty shootouts.

England has been eliminated

on penalties at three World Cups — the most of any team — and three European Championships and has only ever won one competitive shootout, back in 1996 against Spain.

Southgate, who himself missed the deciding penalty in the 1996 European Championship semifinals, has embraced psychology as a key part of England's preparation. As well as incorporating elements of play into even the duller parts of training, like a warm-down — he had players racing inflatable unicorns in the pool — the coach had players practicing penalties ahead of the Colombia game.

"We're confident and looking to change things," Alli said. "If I'm on the pitch, I want to take one. I'll ask to try and take one."

**Sweden or Switzerland?** Whoever wins, England or Colombia, will consider they have a great shot of making the semifinals.

Either Sweden or Switzerland will be the quarterfinal opponent for the winner, which would give Colombian fans confidence of a first-ever semifinal appearance, while England would be bidding to reach its first semifinal since 1990.

**Two decades ago:** Colombia and England have played each other only once, in the group stage of the 1998 World Cup.

Southgate was an unused substitute for that game, which England won 2-0 with goals from Darren Anderton and David Beckham before going out to Argentina in the next round.



GREGORIO BORJA/AP

Sweden's Albin Ekdal, front, and his teammates celebrate during the Group F victory over Mexico on June 27.

## Sweden doing fine without Ibrahimovic

By MIKE CORDER  
Associated Press

**ST. PETERSBURG, Russia** — Sweden is doing just fine at the World Cup without Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Even the man himself thinks so.

"Listen, whoever plays against Sweden will have a hard time. That's for sure and I think everybody knows it," Ibrahimovic said in a video posted by his current club, LA Galaxy.

If coach Janne Andersson's team is to go any further in Russia, it will be at the expense of No. 6-ranked Switzerland, as two of Europe's less decorated soccer nations meet Tuesday in St. Petersburg on the final of 16.

Both sides have been waiting a long time for a trip to the World Cup quarterfinals.

The last time Switzerland went that deep into the tournament was in 1954. Sweden hasn't won a round-of-16 match since finishing third in the United States in 1994.

Switzerland has worked hard to get this far, putting in a gritty defensive performance to hold Brazil to a 1-1 draw in its opening match and coming from a goal down to beat Serbia 2-1 in a match overshadowed by politically charged goal celebrations from Xherdan Shaqiri and Granit Xhaka that referenced their Kosovo Albanian roots.

A 2-2 draw against Costa Rica sealed Switzerland's place in the knockout stage, but it also cost the team the heart of its defense. Captain Stephan Lichtsteiner and fellow defender Fabian Schaer are suspended after both got yellow cards for the second time in the tournament against Costa Rica. Sweden is without Sebastian Larsson after he also was booked twice in group stage play.

Sweden started its campaign in Russia with a narrow victory over South Korea. Then it surrendered a 1-0 lead to lose to Germany thanks to Toni Kroos' winner deep in stoppage time, which provided what proved to be a temporary stay of World Cup execution for the defending champions.

In its final group match, Sweden moved up a gear to beat Mexico 3-0 and finish atop its group.

Sweden has adapted well to life after Ibrahimovic, who retired from international soccer after a disappointing 2016 European Championship that saw Sweden finish last in its group.

In his absence, Sweden notched a win over France in its World Cup qualification group and beat Italy in a two-leg playoff to reach Russia with. An emphasis on strong team play has replaced its prior reliance on the larger-than-life striker.

"I took over the world," Ibrahimovic said. "Now Sweden is taking over the world."

**History:** Looking at previous encounters is not going to help a great deal in picking a winner in St. Petersburg. The teams have met 28 times, with Switzerland holding the narrowest of advantages — 11 wins compared to Sweden's 10. There have been seven draws. But the teams have not played one another since a 1-1 friendly draw in March 2002.

**Zlatan watch:** Ibrahimovic retired in 2015. Sweden's all-time top scorer, with 62 goals in 116 games. He still knows his way to the net at the club level.

He was on target again Saturday, scoring twice as LA Galaxy was held to a 3-3 draw in MLS' California Clasico against the San Jose Earthquakes.

But he is still keeping a close eye on his country's performance in Russia.

"I said before the World Cup they'll go far and they'll probably win it," Ibrahimovic said. "So I'm very happy, proud to be Swedish."

**Second line of defense:** With Lichtsteiner and Schaer suspended, Switzerland coach Vladimir Petkovich is expected to call up Michael Lang and Johan Djourou as replacements.

Starting in a World Cup knockout match would complete a big week for Lang, who has just announced his transfer from Swiss club FC Basel to Borussia Moenchengladbach in the German Bundesliga.



DMITRI LOVETSKY/AP

England's Harry Kane, center, Kyle Walker, left, and Fabian Delph train on June 27. Kane was the top scorer in the group stage with five goals.

## WORLD CUP

## Neymar leads Brazil into quarterfinals

BY ROB HARRIS  
Associated Press

SAMARA, Russia — Neymar flaunted his flair and his theatrics with a goal and an assist Monday at the World Cup.

The world's most expensive player led Brazil over Mexico 2-0 Monday and into the quarterfinals of the tournament for the seventh straight time.

Neymar broke through Mexico's stern resistance by setting up the opener when his back-heel released Willian. Neymar then ran into the penalty area and slid to tap Willian's cross into the net.

While his scoring is so often the focus, Neymar also creates goals for his teammates. A toe-poked attempt to beat Mexico goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa in the 88th minute was diverted into the path of Robert Firmino, who scored the second. Neymar has 11 goals and nine assists in his last 19 games for Brazil.

But before setting up the second goal it looked like Neymar's game — or even his World Cup — could be over with 20 minutes to go. It turned out to be pure histrionics. Writhing in agony after his right ankle was stepped on by Miguel Layun, Neymar managed to get back on his feet. But not before trying to step on Layun. Both escaped punishment.

The five-time World Cup champions will next face either Japan or Belgium in the quarterfinals, the stage they have reached at every World Cup since 1994.

Mexico has now lost at this stage at every tournament over the same period of time, extending its wait for the "quinto partido" — or fifth game — for at least another four years. The last time Mexico reached the quarterfinals was when the country hosted the tournament in 1986.

This year's World Cup had started so promisingly for Mexico. The team opened with a win over Germany, setting the defending champions on the path to an early exit. They caused problems for Brazil, too, initially.



ANDRE PENNER/AP

Brazil's Roberto Firmino, left, celebrates with teammate Neymar after Firmino scored during the round of 16 game against Mexico in Samara, Russia on Monday. Neymar scored the team's first goal in the 2-0 victory.

But they couldn't find a way to stop Neymar, who has scored two goals in four matches in Russia.

"The key was to play together without the ball because with the ball we know the quality of the team," Willian said. "We know we have players that can decide the game."

Neymar's dispute with Layun unfolded as the Mexico sub tried to recover the ball. In a delayed reaction, Neymar made the most of Layun stepping on his ankle, rolling around with his hand covering his eyes.

The rapid recovery seemed miraculous for a player who missed the last three months of the season with a broken right foot.

"We wasted a lot of time because of one single player," Mexico coach Juan Carlos Osorio said, without naming Neymar. "I think this is a real shame for football, especially for kids who are watching because this this has to be a sport of virility, of determination, a man's sport, like other games, and not a chore."

During the win over Costa Rica in the group stage, Neymar tried to win a penalty by flopping to the ground in the area. A video review reversed the decision to award a penalty kick and Neymar's frustrations a few minutes later led to a yellow card.

Brazil coach Tite also played a big role in the victory over Mexico, deciding to replace Philippe Coutinho with Firmino. Fresh among tiring legs, Firmino was able to evade the defense to get in the right place to score the second goal.

## Scoreboard

## Second round

**Saturday, June 30**  
At Kazan, Russia  
France 4, Argentina 3  
At Sochi, Russia  
Uruguay 2, Portugal 1  
**Sunday, July 1**  
At Moscow  
Russia 1, Spain 1, Russia advanced 4-3 on penalty kicks  
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia  
Croatia 1, Denmark 1, Croatia advanced 3-2 on penalty kicks  
**Monday, July 2**  
At Samara, Russia  
Brazil 2, Mexico 0  
At Svetlana-on-Don, Russia  
Belgium vs. Japan  
**Tuesday, July 3**  
At St. Petersburg, Russia  
Sweden vs. Switzerland  
At Moscow  
Colombia vs. England  
**QUARTERFINALS**  
**Friday, July 6**  
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia  
France vs. Uruguay  
At Kazan, Russia  
Brazil vs. Belgium-Japan winner  
**Saturday, July 7**  
At Samara, Russia  
Sweden-Switzerland winner vs. Colombia-England winner  
At Sochi, Russia  
Russia vs. Croatia  
**SEMIFINALS**  
**Tuesday, July 10**  
At St. Petersburg, Russia  
France-Uruguay winner vs. Brazil-Belgium-Japan winner  
**Wednesday, July 11**  
At Moscow  
Sweden-Switzerland-Colombia-England winner vs. Russia-Croatia winner  
At St. Petersburg, Russia  
Saturday, July 14  
At St. Petersburg, Russia  
Semifinals losers, 10 a.m.  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Sunday, July 15**  
At Moscow  
Semifinals winners

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NIZHNY NOVGOROD, Russia — Daniel Subasic saved three penalties, and Croatia's World Cup hopes.

In the second straight shootout of the tournament, the Croats advanced to the quarterfinals on Sunday with a 3-2 victory over Denmark on penalties following a 1-1 draw.

Subasic tipped the first penalty kick of the shootout from Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen into the post. He then dived to his right to save an attempt from substitute Lasse Schone. Finally, he used his feet to block Nicolai Jorgensen's attempt.

"He was a hero tonight," Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic said. "He saved three penalties in a shootout. You don't see that every day." Subasic became only the second goalkeeper to save three penalties in a shootout at the World Cup, matching the feat of Portugal keeper Ricardo against England in 2006.

Croatia will next face host Russia in the quarterfinals on Saturday in Sochi. Russia also advanced



MARTIN MEISSNER/AP

Croatia goalkeeper Danijel Subasic celebrates Sunday after his team beat Denmark 3-2 in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. Subasic saved three penalty kicks after a 1-1 draw.

on penalties, beating Spain 4-3 following another 1-1 draw.

Croatia had a chance to take the lead late in the game at Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, but Luka Modric's penalty was saved by

Kasper Schmeichel. The Denmark goalkeeper, who also saved a pair of penalties in the shootout, dived to his left to smother Modric's attempt in the 116th minute.

Subasic's three saves and Schmeichel's two made it the most combined saves in a World Cup shootout.

Modric, however, made his penalty in the shootout and Ivan Rakitic scored the decider with a shot to the left side of the net as Schmeichel dived the wrong way. After surviving the shootout, Subasic had to survive the celebration. Domagoj Vida lifted the keeper onto his shoulders as they celebrated the win, and then dropped him.

"He is fine," Dalic said. Croatia entered the match after impressing in the group stage, including a 3-0 dismantling of two-time champion Argentina at the same stadium. But Denmark, unbeaten in 18 games coming into the game, provided tough opposition.

The Danes took the lead in the first minute when defender Mathias Jorgensen scrambled in a shot that went in off Subasic's left hand and then the left post.

It was Denmark's fastest ever World Cup goal.

Croatia equalized in the fourth minute with another untidy goal. Henrik Dalsgaard's clearance hit a teammate and fell for Croatia forward Mario Mandzukic to hook the ball in.

The teams stayed even for the next 116 minutes, including the 30 minutes of extra time.

But it was Schmeichel, the son of former Denmark goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, that sent it to extra time with his penalty save on Modric's attempt.

The Croats earned the penalty when Ante Rebic was set free on a counterattack and skipped past Schmeichel, only to be fouled from behind by Mathias Jorgensen — the scorer of Denmark's goal.

Modric's spot kick was weak, though, and Schmeichel dived to his left to smother it for the first of his three penalty saves.

In the shootout, Schmeichel saved attempts from Milan Badelj and Josip Pivacic.

"I am so sorry for Kasper and the whole team," Denmark coach Age Hareide said. "That's just the brutality of football."



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NBA

## LA-BRON

James agrees to 4-year deal with Lakers

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CLEVELAND

**L**eBron James is leaving home for Hollywood and an iconic team.

The Los Angeles Lakers have a new superstar — L.A.-Bron.

The four-time NBA MVP announced Sunday night that he has agreed to a four-year, \$154 million contract with the Lakers, joining one of the league's most storied franchises and switching conferences to try and dethrone the Golden State

Warriors and grow his own legacy.

For the second time in his career, James is saying goodbye to the Cleveland Cavaliers, who drafted the teenage sensation from Akron in 2003 and have to be satisfied with winning just one title in the 11 years they had him.

Unlike his two previous forays in free agency, James did not drag out his decision and made the announcement less than 24 hours after NBA free agency opened.

This Summer of LeBron was barely a fling.

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